

# Hiaki root number suppletion

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In Hiaki, there are 12-15 verbs that supplete according to the number of their Theme argument. I argue that these forms are truly suppletive, providing evidence from ellipsis phenomena and idiom interpretation, among others, and I show that they are sensitive to semantic rather than formal number. Nonetheless, I show that the semantic number to which they are sensitive is grammatically represented; inferred or implicit number does not trigger the alternation. I also present evidence that these verbs truly index participant number, rather than event number/pluractionality, by looking at dependent plurals, distributive vs collective interpretations, and iterative scenarios.