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About full and underspec  
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Abstract

Van Valin (2013) proposed that, in sentence co  
 the causative/inchoative alternation such as *the door  
 broke in half*) are derived from an underspec  
 accomplishment reading of verbs such as *march  
 assumed to be derived from the verb's activit  
 an hour*). In this paper, we tested the two hypo  
 priming technique. Our data are compatib  
 tive/inchoative alternation are lexically unders  
 ly unreliable priming for either form. Howev  
 for verbs of the activity/active accomplishment  
 and, importantly, more so than the two forms o

1 Introduction

Verb alternations such as the causativ  
 translations in italics) and the activity/  
 have been much discussed in the liter  
 Foley & Van Valin 1984; Goldberg 19  
 1990; Levin 1993; Levin & Rappap  
 Pustejovsky 1995; Rappaport Hovav &  
 & LaPolla 1997; Verkuyl 1993; Wunder  
 from Van Valin (2005). In this paper, w  
 on these alternations: Van Valin (2013).