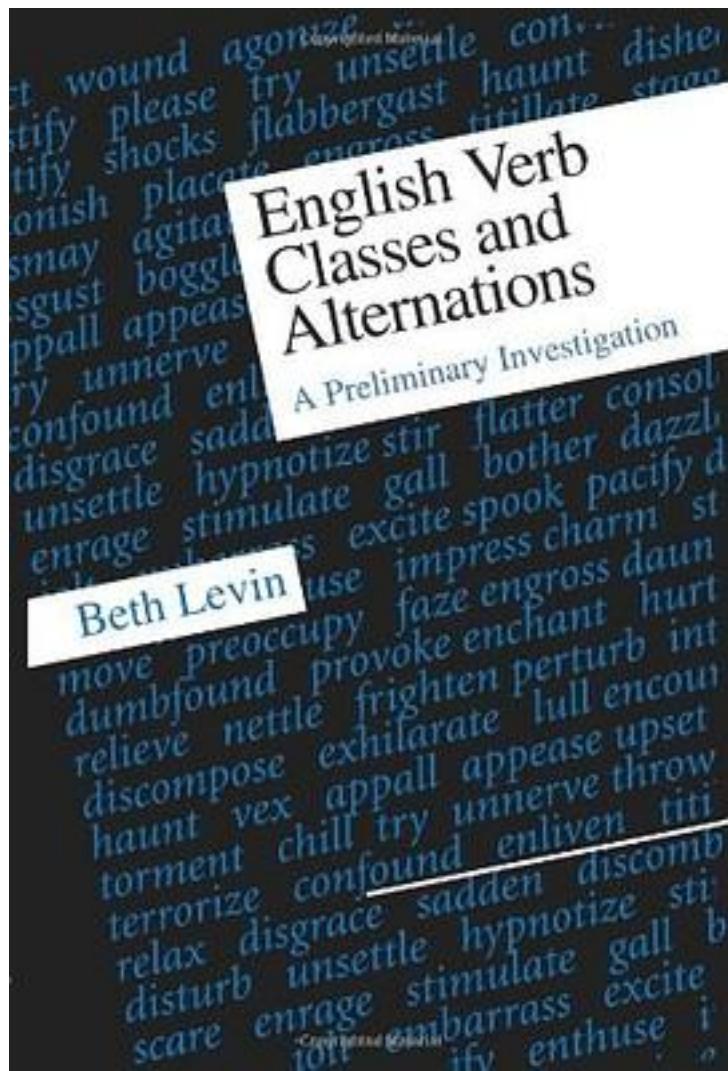


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In this rich reference work, Beth Levin classifies over 3,000 English verbs according to shared meaning and behavior. Levin starts with the hypothesis that a verb's meaning influences its syntactic behavior and develops it into a powerful tool for studying the English verb lexicon. She shows how identifying verbs with similar syntactic behavior provides an effective means of distinguishing semantically coherent verb classes, and isolates these classes by examining verb behavior with respect to a wide range of syntactic alternations that reflect verb meaning. The first part of the book sets out alternate ways in which verbs can express their arguments. The second presents classes of verbs that share a kernel of meaning and explores in detail the behavior of each class, drawing on the alternations in the first part. Levin's discussion of each class and alternation includes lists of relevant verbs, illustrative examples, comments on noteworthy properties, and bibliographic references. The result is an original, systematic picture of the organization of the verb inventory. Easy to use, "English Verb Classes and Alternations" sets the stage for further explorations of the interface between lexical semantics and syntax. It will prove indispensable for theoretical and computational linguists, psycholinguists, cognitive scientists, lexicographers, and teachers of English as a second language. Beth Levin is associate professor of linguistics at Northwestern University.

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评论

从形态反切语义的经典示范。用8种切换装置总结出39类动词，用3000个英语单词佐证了「词汇语义影响句法行为」的观点。动词分类不再是及物/不及物、延续性/非延续性、有终/无终……这些低幼的对立二分法。切割出世界发生的39种方式后，能否进一步对这39种方式抽取共核，归类出数目更精简的「元方式」呢？

牛。和柯林斯的动词那本近似。这本和科林斯那本最厉害的地方是，不仅整理罗列结构，还按照语义分类。当然，这本书的例句和讲解都远少于科林斯，需要自己勤查词典。科林斯做得更细致，所以更厚，也至今后无来者。英语的动词太关键了，应该下狠功夫把动词用好，用得准确，尽可能砍掉修饰动词的副词。

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