

# Romanian Inherently Adpositional Verbs (IAVs)

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Proposal for a classification of Romanian IAVs  
(based on the PARSEME test)

## Objectives

- To define and refine the class of Inherently Adpositional Verbs (IAVs) in Romanian language;
- To offer a classification of the Ro IAVs, based on the PARSEME diagnostic test;
- To offer solid ground for improving the PARSEME guidelines wrt IAVs.

## I. IAV. functional (test IAV.1 holds)

- verbs which never occur without the required preposition;

1. IAV for all the verb's meanings, requiring the same preposition: *a se baza pe* 'rely on', *a depinde de* 'depend on', *a consta în/din* 'consist in/of';

2. IAV only for the meaning in which the preposition is mandatory: *a da (peste)* 'run into', *a aparține (de)* 'belong to', *a conta (pe)* 'count on';

3. Symmetrical/reciprocal IAVs: *a merge (cu)* 'match with', *a coincide (cu)* 'coincide with', *a colaborează (cu)* 'collaborate with'.

## II. IAV.semi-lexical (test IAV.1 does not hold)

- verbs that normally require a specific preposition;  
- they are polysemous and when used with certain meanings, they are always followed by a specific preposition: *a aplica (la/pentru)* 'apply for', *a adera (la)* 'adhere to', *a-i păsa (de)* 'care about'.