

Conceptual Description of Verbs and its Semantic and Syntactic Features

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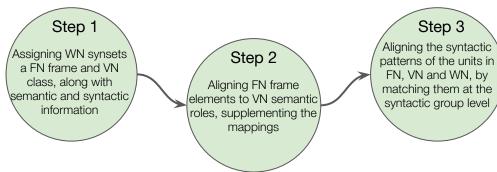
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Aligned syntactic patterns

The goal is to bridge the vast lexical knowledge in WordNet (verb synsets), the conceptual and syntactic description in FrameNet and the argument structure and syntactic information in VerbNet.

The alignment of the semantic components and their syntactic realisations is essential for:

- → for better exploiting the abundance of information across resources and shedding light on cross-resource similarities, discrepancies and inconsistencies;
- → extracting examples illustrating the use of verbs in corpora and their semantic characterisation (through the association of the syntactic groups with the semantic components, i.e. frame elements or semantic roles);
- → various tasks requiring semantic and syntactic description.



The **conceptual description** is to a great extent language-independent and transferrable cross-linguistically, even if in some cases corrections may be necessary.

The **syntactic description** is adaptable: syntactic patterns may be directly transferred or adjusted to other languages (e.g., lists of prepositions, language-specific constructions, etc.).

Alighed Syntactic patterns
WN {transport:2; carry:1} VN carry-11.4 FN Bringing
1 Somebodys something/somebody
1 Somethings somebody / something
2 Somebodys somebody / something PP
1 NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP.Theme
2a NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP.Theme PP.Destination
2b NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP. <mark>Theme</mark> PP.Initial_location
3a NP.Agent V NP.Theme PP.Initial_location PP.Destination
3b NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP. <mark>Theme</mark> PP.Destination PP.Initial_location
1 NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP.Theme
2a NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP. <mark>Theme</mark> PP.Goal[to]
2b NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP.Theme PP.Source[PREP]
3a NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP. <mark>Theme</mark> PP. <mark>Source</mark> [PREP] PP.Goal[to,towards]
3b NP. <mark>Agent</mark> V NP. <mark>Theme</mark> PP. <mark>Goal</mark> [to] PP. <mark>Source</mark> [PREP]
EN: NP.Agent V NP.Theme PP.Goal/Destination[to,towards]
The soldiers were transporting supplies to the isolated villages.
BG: NP.Agent V NP.Theme PP.Goal/Destination[към,до,в,във]
Voynitsite transportiraha provizii do izoliranite sela.