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Argument structure types

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2.3.1.2. Extended uses. In the previous section, the unmarked meanings of the -te-iru form with different types of verbs were presented. However, marked, extended meanings may also emerge when a specific context is provided. This includes the resultative 2.3.2 -te-aru; 2.3.3 Summary; 2.4 Marked aspects; 2.4.1 Completive aspect; 2.4.1.1 [VerBINF]-owaru / oeru. The "completive" aspect is expressed by -owaru and -oeru following the infinitive form. These auxiliary verbs have derived from the main verbs, owaru (intransitive) and oeru (transitive), both of which mean 'finish, end.' C

2.4.1.2 -te-shimau.

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## Sommario/riassunto

Japanese ranks as the ninth most widely spoken language of the world with more than 127 million speakers in the island state of Japan. Its genetic relation has been a topic of heated discussion, but Altaic and Austronesian languages appear to have contributed to the early formation of this language. Japanese has a long written tradition, which goes back to texts from the eighth century CE. The modern writing system employs a mixture of Chinese characters and two sets of syllabary indigenously developed based on the Chinese characters. This book consists of sixteen chapters covering the

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