Record Nr. UNINA9910812129903321 Autore Brinkmann Ursula Titolo The locative alternation in German: its structure and acquisition // Ursula Brinkmann Amsterdam;; Philadelphia:,: J. Benjamins Pub.,, 1997 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-283-28017-5 9786613280176 90-272-8171-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (299 pages) Collana Language acquisition & language disorders, , 0925-0123 ; ; v. 15 435 Disciplina German language - Locative constructions Soggetti German language - Prepositions German language - Verb German language - Case German language - Morphology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Based on the author's thesis (Ph.D.). Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and indexes. Nota di contenuto CONTENTS; Chapter 1: Argument Structure Alternations and the No Negative Evidence Problem: Chapter 2: Theories of the Acquisition of Argument Structure Alterations; Chapter 3: The Structure of the Locative Alternation; Chapter 4: The Nonindividuation Hypothesis; Chapter 5: The Production Experiment: Testing the Nonindividuation Hypothesis; Chapter 6: Restrictions on be-Prefixation; Chapter 7: The Comprehension Experiment: Testing Children's Inter-pretation of be-Verbs; Chapter 8: Summary and Conclusions; Appendices; References; Author Index; Subject Index Sommario/riassunto This monograph deals with the locative alternation in German, a change in the argument structure of verbs like spray and load. Like most argument structure changes, the alternation is both productive and constrained: new forms may be derived, but not from all candidate verbs. This raises a learnability problem: how can children determine, in the absence of negative evidence, which verbs participate in the

alternation? The Locative Alternation in German tries to answer this question by providing an in-depth analysis of the conditions that verbs