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The article provides a summary of views that are held on suppletion in modern linguistics. The following problems are addressed: stem vs. morpheme suppletion, inflectional vs. derivational suppletion, the distribution of suppletive stems in paradigms and the impact of the presence of suppletion to the understanding of “the way in which the inflected forms of a word are related to each other paradigmatically”. The article also discusses the implications for morphological theory (stem-patterns that condition the distribution of suppletive stems, morphological categories prone to suppletion) and for phonological theory (to what extent should the irregular alternations of the phonemes be seen as phonological rather than morphological).