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Understanding Aspect as a Grammatical Category.

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Aspect refers to the aspects of action expressed by verbal conjugations. It roughly has two constructions: completed aspect and uncompleted aspect. The one is also called the perfective and the other the imperfective. Imperfective means that the action is not completed yet. Generally the progressive is included in the imperfective and so is the prospective. In Korean, aspect is marked by the periphrastic constructions in auxiliary verbs, and connective endings. Ancient and Middle Korean had a dual system with mood and aspect and Present-day Korean has a triple system with mood, tense and aspect. Particularly in Cheju dialect the progressive and the perfective are in regular paradigm based on mood. It is a good source of cross-linguistic study of aspect.