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Abstract: The acquisition of Aspect is a central area in Second Language Acquisition research, and the subject of hundreds of papers and dozens of edited volumes, monographies and special issues. This Element provides the reader not only with a concise and plain presentation of the main hypotheses advanced in the past, but also with an overview of contemporary research. The comparison of behavioral (production–comprehension), processing and statistical data is improving – and partially changing – our understanding of how learners acquire the aspectual distinctions of the target language.

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