Levin Verb Class 9.7: *Spray/Load Verbs*  
and Class 9.8: *Fill Verbs*

09.7 *Spray/Load Verbs* (Levin 1993:117-119)

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brush cram crowd cultivate dab daub drape drizzle dust hang heap inject jam load
mound pack pile plant plaster prick pump rub scatter seed settle sew shower slather
smear smudge sow spatter splash splatter spray spread sprinkle spritz squirt stack
stick stock strewn string stuff swab vest wash wrap
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Jessica *sprayed* paint on the table.
Jessica *sprayed* (*on*) the table with paint.  
*Spray/Load Alternation: 2.3.1*  
Paint *sprayed* on the wall.  
*Causative Alternation: 1.1.2.1*

*The wall* *sprayed* with paint.

Jessica *squirted/splash/sprayed* water at me.  
*Conative Alternation: 1.3*  
a *spray* of paint  
*Zero-related Nominal*

*The spray* of the wall

Jessica *loaded* boxes on the wagon.
Jessica *loaded* (*on*) the wagon with boxes.

*Boxes* *loaded* on the wagon.
*The wagon* *loaded* with boxes.

*Jessica* *loaded/stuffed/crammed* boxes at the truck.

a *load* of boxes

*The load* of the truck

09.8 *Fill Verbs* (Levin 1993:119-120)

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adorn anoint bandage bathe bestrew bind blanket block blot bombard carpet choke
cloak clog clutter coat contaminate cover dam dapple deck decorate deluge dirty dot
douse drench edge embellish emblazon encircle encrust endow enrich entangle face
festoon fill fleck flood frame garnish garnish imbue impregnate infect inlay interlace
interlard interleave intersperse interweave inundate lard lash line litter mask mottle
ornament pad pave plate plug pollute replenish repopulate riddle ring ripple robe
saturate season shroud smother soak soil speckle splotch spot stuff stain stipple stop
up stud suffuse surround swaddle swathe taint tile trim veil vein wreathe
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Leslie *staffed* the store with employees.

*Leslie* *staffed* employees in(to) the store.

The employees *staffed* the store.
*The store* *staffed* with employees.
*Leslie* *staffed* the store in employees.

Leslie *filled* the bottle with water.

*Leslie* *filled* water in(to) the bottle.

The water *filled* the bottle.
*The bottle* *filled* with water.
*Leslie* *filled* the bottle in water.

Leslie *soaked* the blanket with water.
Leslie *soaked* the blanket in water.