

[The conceptualization of events and their relationship to time in Russian in Issue 2](#)

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I will suggest that two disparate phenomena that are both very characteristic of Russian (and of most Slavic languages) are actually conceptually related to each other and derive their semantic motivation from the same source. As far as I know, no one has ever suggested a conceptual link between these two phenomena before. The two phenomena are the aspectual system and the marking of points in time (hours of the day and days of the week) when something occurs with the accusative case (v pjatnicu 'on Friday', v sem' časov 'at seven o'clock'). I will suggest that both of these phenomena are motivated by the way in which Russians (and most Slavs) conceive of time. I will attempt to demonstrate that these two phenomena may be symptomatic of an overall view of time that is particularly Slavic.