**ABSTRACT:** In order to test the limits of what is possible in situations of intense language contact we will look at two case studies of intense language contact, one involving Molisean in southeastern Italy and the other Hup of Amazonia in northwestern Brazil. Our interest is centrally in changes in *typological profile*, that is, with a significant restructuring of a grammatical system (Aikhenvald 2006a: 18) which, in the wording of Heine and Kuteva (2006, chapter 7), concerns cases where a language as a result of grammatical replication experiences a number of structural changes to the effect that that language is structurally clearly different from what it was prior to language contact. We will, however, not be able to deal with language structure as a whole; rather, we will be restricted to grammatical replication, that is, to contact-induced transfer of meanings and structures from one language (= the model language), to another (= the replica language; Heine and Kuteva, 2005).