Verb class C

These are English verbs like *braid, pile* and *stack*.

(1) Ray piled the cushions.
   a. \( \Rightarrow \) Cushions were created.
   b. \( \Rightarrow \) A pile was created.

(2) Ray cooked a dish.
   a. \( \Rightarrow \) A cook was created.
   b. \( \Rightarrow \) A cooked thing was created.
   c. \( \Rightarrow \) A dish was created.

(3) Mary braided her hair.
   a. \( \Rightarrow \) A braid was created.
   b. \( ? \Rightarrow \) A braided thing was created.
   c. \( \Rightarrow \) Hair was created.

What do each of the following diagnostics tell you about the kind of verbs these are? How would you formalize that?

Diagnostic 1

(4) a. Ray piled the cushions.
   b. *Ray piled. [meaning he piled something]
   c. ?The cushions piled in the corner.

(5) #The kids piled (all day).

(6) a. ??Ray was piling all day.
   b. ?Ray was stacking all day.
   c. ?Ray was braiding all day.

Diagnostic 2

(7) a. *Ray piled their mom some cushions.
   b. *?Ray stacked their uncle some wood.
   c. ??Ray braided the captain some rope.

Diagnostic 3

(8) a. Lisa braided, [her hair] tight, \( \Rightarrow \) The hair became tight.
    \( \Rightarrow \) 'Lisa formed a tight braid out of her hair'.
    b. The kids piled, [the cushions] high, \( \Rightarrow \) The cushions became high.
    \( \Rightarrow \) 'The kids formed a high pile out of the pillows.'
    c. Mary ground, [the coffee beans] fine, \( \Rightarrow \) The coffee beans became fine.
    \( \Rightarrow \) 'Mary formed a fine grind out of the coffee beans.'
    d. Ray stacked, the wood neat,

(9) a. *The kids piled the cushions small/squished.
    b. *Lisa braided her hair, clean.