

progress

1 Verb + progress

Use the correct form of these verbs:

bring	discuss
make	follow
hold up	monitor

1. At the end of each school term parents their child's progress with a teacher.
2. Since he moved to his new school, William has a lot of progress.
3. I remember my Uncle George took a personal interest in my education. He my progress closely and gave me help and a lot of encouragement.
4. The British were enthusiastic builders of railways. They believed railways progress and civilisation to less developed countries.
5. Each student's progress is closely We use a system of regular tests to measure their progress.
6. Fallen trees are the progress of the rescue workers.

2 Common adjective collocations

Use the following adjectives in these sentences:

disappointing	good
rapid	real
slow	steady

1. We are making slow but progress. The job should only take about a day longer than we anticipated.
2. There has been such progress in computer technology over the last few years that I can hardly keep up with the speed of change.
3. They are having great problems trying to reach the trapped men. Progress is painfully
4. Fortunately, there wasn't much traffic on the roads, so we made progress and arrived with plenty of time to spare.
5. The police have made no progress in the investigation and detectives are now appealing to the public for help.
6. No agreement has been reached after five days of discussions. Progress has been – to say the least!

Go back and underline the adjective collocations.

3 Expressions with prepositions

Choose the correct preposition for each sentence:

in of on

1. We are frustrated at the lack progress.
2. Although she's recovering from her illness, her rate progress is quite slow.
3. In order to continue your financial assistance, we will need regular updates your progress.
4. John's teacher says that his reading and writing is showing signs progress.
5. Now that the project has started, we will need a weekly meeting for the next two months to keep a close check progress.
6. There has not been much progress the border dispute between the two countries.
7. Political observers noted that there had been a lot of progress human rights.
8. A concert was progress in the school hall, so we looked for another room.
9. The college will be closed while maintenance work is progress.

What is the meaning of 'progress' in nos 8 and 9?

Notes

1. In 1-1 'review' is also possible.
2. We talk about *economic* and *technological* progress:
The country has made significant economic progress in recent years.
Technological progress has allowed scientists to build smaller and smaller computers.
3. We use the following expression to say that not all progress is good:
We are destroying the planet with our technology – all in the name of progress.
4. Note the following ways of expressing 'holding up' progress:
His progress was hindered by his lack of experience.
The inability of management to decide what it wants has hampered the progress of the plan.
Continuing disagreement is impeding progress towards reform of the educational system.
By refusing to operate the new machines, the print workers were accused of standing in the way of progress.