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prog·ress  (prŏg rĕs', -rəs, prō grĕs')

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n.

1. Forward or onward movement, as toward a destination: *We made little progress on our way home because of the traffic.*
2. Development, advancement, or improvement, as toward a goal: *The math students have shown great progress.*
3. A ceremonial journey made by a sovereign through that sovereign's realm.

intr.v. pro·gress (prə-grĕs) **pro·gressed, pro·gress·ing, pro·gress·es**

1. To move forward or onward: *The ship progressed toward the equator.*
2. To develop, advance, or improve: *Research progressed on the new vaccine.*
3. To increase in scope or severity, as a disease taking an unfavorable course.

Idiom:

in progress

Going on; under way: *a work in progress.*

[Middle English *progresse*, from Latin *prōgressus*, from past participle of *prōgredi*, to advance : *prō-*, forward; see [PRO-](#)¹ + *gradī*, to go, walk; see **ghredh-** in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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