

English verbs: to advance / to progress

1) to advance

This verb is used to indicate that a process or movement has moved ahead, usually by an increment.

Examples: The army **advanced** two kilometers in one day.

If you want **to advance** in this company, you have to work hard.

(Game) If you get a six, **advance** your piece by six squares.

Expression: It's always good to buy tickets **in advance**. (PT: *com antecedência*)

2) to progress / to make progress / to be in progress

This verb is used to indicate that some work, plan or project has moved ahead.

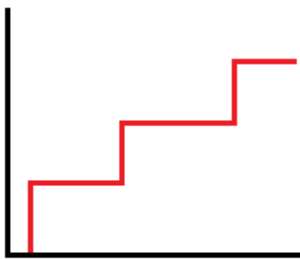
Examples: A: **Have you progressed** in the book? B: Only a little - it's very complex!

A: **Have you made any progress** on your thesis today? B: Yes.

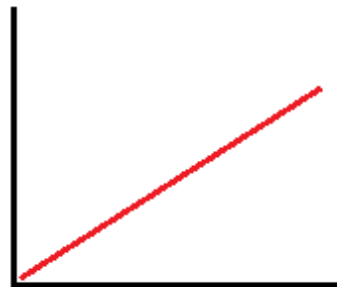
A: Have you finished the report? B: No, but it **is in progress**, sir.

A: Have you finished the report? B: It's a **work in progress**, sir.

(WIP = work in progress)



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Exercise. Complete the sentences using the vocabulary you have learned above.

1. Every time I go to the cinema someone very tall sits _____ me!
2. When I play Chess, I always _____ a pawn by two squares at the start.
3. Even though the rabbit stayed _____ the tortoise for the entire race, he didn't win.
4. In Chess, pawns can only move _____ .
5. It's very difficult to _____ at work when you are tired.
6. A: How are your studies going? B: I'm _____ , but very slowly.



a pawn