Progress: Activities

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

A. Word forms

Write one word in each gap. The hint tells you the meaning.

1. Talks are _____ well, and a deal is expected soon. (verb, -ing form: moving forward)
2. It is a _____ illness, so the symptoms slowly get worse. (adjective: happening step by step)
3. The questions become _____ more difficult. (adverb: more and more, over time)
4. The _____ from beginner to advanced took her two years. (noun: movement from one stage to the next)
5. Losing our main sponsor was a serious _____. (noun: a problem that delays progress)
6. The economy is in a state of _____, with no growth for five years. (noun: no growth or movement)
7. Without regular practice, your skills may _____. (verb: go back to a worse state)

B. Collocations and patterns

Circle the word that completes each sentence.

1. We've _____ good progress on the report this week.
   a) got b) done c) made d) taken
2. The app lets you _____ your progress with a weekly chart.
   a) keep b) hold c) mind d) track
3. Heavy rain _____ progress on the new road.
   a) bothered b) hampered c) troubled d) injured
4. Children often make _____ progress in a new language.
   a) wide b) heavy c) rapid d) tall
5. The rescue team made little _____ in the deep snow.
   a) onward b) headway c) forward d) ahead
6. The work isn't finished. It's still _____ progress.
   a) at b) under c) in d) on
7. Have you made any progress _____ your essay?
   a) at b) to c) of d) on
8. After Level 2, students can progress _____ Level 3.
   a) over b) to c) on d) at
9. Our conversation never progressed _____ small talk.
   a) above b) across c) beyond d) along
10. Teachers send a progress _____ to parents every term.
    a) novel b) message c) speech d) report

C. Forward or stuck?

Write F if the situation is moving forward, or S if it is stuck or going back.

1. After months of losses, the company has finally turned the corner. _____
2. We've been talking for hours, but we're not getting anywhere. _____
3. The negotiators are making real headway. _____
4. My test scores have hit a plateau. _____
5. Electric scooters are gaining ground in the city. _____
6. The launch hit a snag when the software failed. _____
7. Her research broke new ground in the field. _____
8. Sales have been treading water all year. _____

D. Error correction

Circle the correct sentence, a or b.

1. a) She has made a lot of progress this year.
   b) She has made a lot of progresses this year.
2. a) We made a progress yesterday.
   b) We made some progress yesterday.
3. a) Quiet, please: an exam is in progress.
   b) Quiet, please: an exam is on progress.
4. a) The application process takes three weeks.
   b) The application progress takes three weeks.
5. a) The pain got progressive worse.
   b) The pain got progressively worse.
6. a) We finally did some headway.
   b) We finally made some headway.
7. a) The country has made progress toward cleaner energy.
   b) The country has made progress for cleaner energy.
8. a) I've gone a long way since my first lesson.
   b) I've come a long way since my first lesson.

E. Match the expressions

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each expression.

1. not get anywhere ____	**A** to do something that has not been done before
2. hit a plateau ____	**B** to make no progress at all
3. get something off the ground ____	**C** to become more popular or successful
4. take baby steps ____	**D** to start something successfully
5. be on the right track ____	**E** to make important progress
6. gain ground ____	**F** to be doing something in a way likely to succeed
7. make strides ____	**G** to stop improving after a period of growth
8. break new ground ____	**H** to make very small, careful progress

The full lesson
Reading, word lists with translations in eight languages, interactive activities, a speed challenge, quotations, and discussion questions.
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