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# Airlines Face Jet Fuel Shortage Amid Iran Conflict

## Description

The summer travel season may become worse than expected. Airlines in Europe and Asia are facing a fuel shortage, which could lead to more flight cancellations and reduced schedules. This problem arises due to higher airfares and fees following the war in Iran.

In the United States, airlines are not at immediate risk of fuel shortages. However, the global fuel shortage is increasing prices for US airlines, which may raise ticket costs, especially during the summer. For example, United Airlines has reduced its schedule by 5% over the next six months.

Even if the conflict in Iran ends quickly, the situation for summer travel is still serious. Airlines are already planning their routes and prices for the future. Experts say it will take months to return to normal fuel supplies.

Fuel is crucial for airlines as it is their second-largest expense after staff costs. The largest US airlines spent around \$100 million on fuel daily last year. If fuel prices remain high, struggling airlines may face more financial troubles. Some budget airlines have already filed for bankruptcy, while others may have to cut services, leading to fewer available seats and higher prices for passengers.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **shortage** //ˈʃɔːrtɪdʒ// (noun): not enough of what people need
2. **cancellations** //ˌkænsəˈleɪʃənz// (noun): times when planned events do not happen
3. **crucial** //ˈkruːʃəl// (adjective): extremely important for something to happen or work
4. **expense** //ɪkˈspens// (noun): money spent to run a business or activity
5. **bankruptcy** //ˈbæŋkrʌptsi// (noun): when a company cannot pay its debts
6. **struggling** //ˈstrʌgəlɪŋ// (adjective): having a lot of financial or other problems

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What could lead to more flight cancellations in Europe and Asia?

Option: Higher airfares



- Option: Fuel shortage
- Option: Reduced schedules
- Option: All of the above

2. By what percentage has United Airlines reduced its schedule over the next six months?

- Option: 10%
- Option: 5%
- Option: 15%
- Option: 20%

3. Which conflict is causing higher airfares and fees?

- Option: Conflict in Ukraine
- Option: War in Iran
- Option: Civil war in Syria
- Option: Trade war with China

4. What ranks as the second-largest expense for airlines?

- Option: Aircraft maintenance
- Option: Fuel
- Option: Staff costs
- Option: Airport fees

5. How much did the largest US airlines spend on fuel daily last year?

- Option: \$50 million
- Option: \$100 million
- Option: \$150 million
- Option: \$200 million

6. What impact could high fuel prices have on struggling airlines?

- Option: Better services
- Option: Financial troubles
- Option: Increased hiring
- Option: Lower prices

### True-False

7. Airlines in the United States are facing immediate fuel shortages.



8. Experts believe it will take months to return to normal fuel supplies.
9. Some budget airlines have filed for bankruptcy due to current conditions.
10. The summer travel season is expected to be better than usual.
11. Fuel prices have no impact on ticket costs for passengers.
12. Airlines in Europe and Asia are not facing a fuel shortage.

### Gap-Fill

13. The summer travel season may become worse than expected due to a fuel \_\_\_\_\_
14. The largest US airlines spent around \$100 million on fuel \_\_\_\_\_ year.
15. Experts say it will take months to return to \_\_\_\_\_ fuel supplies.
16. If fuel prices remain high, struggling airlines may face \_\_\_\_\_ financial troubles.
17. United Airlines has reduced its schedule by \_\_\_\_\_ over the next six months.
18. Airlines are already planning their \_\_\_\_\_ and prices for the future.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. All of the above 2. 5% 3. War in Iran 4. Fuel 5. \$100 million 6. Financial troubles

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. shortage 14. daily 15. normal 16. more 17. 5% 18. routes

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is a legal status for a person or entity that cannot repay the debts it owes?  
Option: Foreclosure  
Option: Liquidation



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- Option: Bankruptcy
  - Option: Repossession

2. What term is used to describe the current state or condition of something?

- Option: Profile
- Option: Status
- Option: Rank
- Option: File

3. Which of the following refers to a desirable feature or facility of a building or place?

- Option: Facility
- Option: Amenity
- Option: Service
- Option: Provision

4. What occurs when a planned event does not take place?

- Option: Postponements
- Option: Cancellations
- Option: Delays
- Option: Reschedules

5. What is the term for the rivalry among sellers to attract customers?

- Option: Cooperation
- Option: Competition
- Option: Partnership
- Option: Collaboration

6. What term describes the process of improving a broken, damaged, or outdated structure?

- Option: Restoration
- Option: Renovation
- Option: Construction
- Option: Demolition

7. Which adjective describes something that is the only one of its kind?

- Option: Common
- Option: Unique
- Option: Regular
- Option: Standard

8. Who are the professionals that examine financial data and market trends?

- Option: Investors
- Option: Consultants
- Option: Analysts



Option: Managers

9. What is divided ownership of a company represented by documents called?

Option: Stocks

Option: Dividends

Option: Shares

Option: Assets

10. What term refers to improving the quality, value, or performance of something?

Option: Downgrade

Option: Upgrade

Option: Recycle

Option: Reduce

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The holiday season is often regarded as the \_\_\_\_\_ time of year for retailers.

12. Traffic \_\_\_\_\_ is a common issue in large cities during rush hours.

13. It's \_\_\_\_\_ to provide excellent customer service in any business.

14. Many small businesses are \_\_\_\_\_ to survive in today's competitive market.

15. Corporate \_\_\_\_\_ can play a significant role in community development.

16. Businesses must manage their \_\_\_\_\_ carefully to maintain profitability.

17. Providing \_\_\_\_\_ amenities can enhance the customer experience.

18. The company's profits are expected to \_\_\_\_\_ last year's figures.

19. The number of flight \_\_\_\_\_ has increased significantly over the summer.

20. Investors are keenly awaiting the quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ report from the company.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The status of the project was unclear after the delay in funding.

22. There were numerous cancellations due to the unexpected storm.



23. Effective communication is crucial for team success in any organization.
24. The company filed for bankruptcy after failing to meet its financial obligations.
25. Each piece of art at the gallery is unique and offers a different perspective.
26. There is fierce competition among tech companies to innovate and lead the market.
27. The renovation of the historic building brought new life to the downtown area.
28. The hotel offers a range of amenities, including a spa and fitness center.
29. The company's shares have risen sharply in value over the past year.
30. Many artists are struggling to gain recognition in the competitive music industry.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Bankruptcy 2. Status 3. Amenity 4. Cancellations 5. Competition 6. Renovation 7. Unique 8. Analysts 9. Shares 10. Upgrade

**Gap-Fill:** 11. busiest 12. congestion 13. crucial 14. struggling 15. philanthropy 16. expenses 17. superior 18. surpass 19. takeoffs 20. earnings

**Matching sentence:** 1. status 2. cancellations 3. crucial 4. bankruptcy 5. unique 6. competition 7. renovation 8. amenity 9. shares 10. struggling

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