



Amtrak cancels train service from Boston to New York City.

Description

Amtrak train service between Boston and New York stopped because of a **power outage** caused by **lightning** on Saturday. This outage led to many **cancellations** along the northeast **corridor** for most of the day. Amtrak restored service late Saturday night and apologized for the **inconvenience**. Two trains were running on schedule, while some others were cancelled or had changed schedules. Amtrak said most trains will run normally on Sunday. Passengers affected by the disruptions can change their reservations without extra charges. The Fourth of July holiday saw a 9 percent increase in travelers compared to 2023, almost reaching pre-pandemic levels.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Amtrak** /?æm?træk/ (noun): A passenger railroad service that provides medium- and long-distance intercity service in the United States.
2. **Power outage** /?pa??r ?a?t?d?/ (noun): A temporary loss of electrical power.
3. **Lightning** /?la?tn??/ (noun): A sudden flash of light in the sky during a storm.
4. **Cancellations** /?kæns??le???nz/ (noun): Acts of deciding that an organized event will not happen.
5. **Corridor** /?k??r?d??r/ (noun): A long passage in a building from which doors lead into rooms.
6. **Inconvenience** /??nk?n?vi?nj?ns/ (noun): Trouble or difficulty caused to one's personal comfort.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What caused the Amtrak train service between Boston and New York to stop?
Option: A. Heavy rain
Option: B. Power outage
Option: C. Mechanical issues
Option: D. Strike by workers
2. What is the definition of "cancellations" as per the text?
Option: A. Acts of rescheduling events
Option: B. Acts of deciding events will not happen
Option: C. Acts of upgrading events



Option: D. Acts of attending events

3. Which holiday experienced a 9 percent increase in travelers compared to 2023?

Option: A. Thanksgiving

Option: B. Christmas

Option: C. Fourth of July

Option: D. Labor Day

4. According to the text what was affected by the lightning?

Option: A. Train schedules

Option: B. Power lines

Option: C. Passenger comfort

Option: D. Food services

5. What was the reason for Amtrak restoring service late Saturday night?

Option: A. Better weather conditions

Option: B. Lightning striking twice

Option: C. Power was restored

Option: D. Passenger protests

6. What did Amtrak offer to passengers affected by the disruptions?

Option: A. Refunds

Option: B. Discount vouchers

Option: C. Change reservations without extra charges

Option: D. Free meals

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. B. Power outage 2. B. Acts of deciding events will not happen 3. C. Fourth of July
4. A. Train schedules 5. C. Power was restored 6. C. Change reservations without extra charges

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What can cause frustration and interruptions in a project?

Option: A. Overstaffing

Option: B. Rushed deadlines



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- Option: C. Delays
Option: D. Donating
2. Which technological component is essential for modern electronics?
Option: A. Railroad
Option: B. Semiconductor
Option: C. Trading volumes
Option: D. Transparency
3. Which financial metric represents the profit from a company's core business operations?
Option: A. Assassination
Option: B. Operating profit
Option: C. Revenue
Option: D. Uncertainty
4. What process involves changing the organizational setup of a company?
Option: A. Cancellation
Option: B. Transparency
Option: C. Restructuring
Option: D. Corridor
5. Which term describes the ability of a business to make a profit?
Option: A. Commitment
Option: B. Profitability
Option: C. Dip
Option: D. Market holiday
6. What is the total income generated by a company before expenses?
Option: A. Commitment
Option: B. Revenue
Option: C. Disappointing
Option: D. Activism
7. Which term refers to approximations or predictions about future outcomes?
Option: A. Trading volumes
Option: B. Estimates
Option: C. Assassination
Option: D. Collaboration
8. What action is taken when an event or arrangement is called off?
Option: A. Corridor
Option: B. Cancellation
Option: C. Rushed



Option: D. Operating profit

9. What term best describes a situation that causes trouble or difficulty?

Option: A. Inconvenience

Option: B. Redirect

Option: C. Outlook

Option: D. Transparency

10. What word is used to convey a lack of predictability or assurance?

Option: A. Donating

Option: B. Uncertainty

Option: C. Emphasized

Option: D. Market holiday

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

11. Effective teams often _____ to achieve common goals.

12. _____ can lead to inefficiencies and increased costs for a company.

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13. Many charitable organizations rely on public _____ to support their causes.

14. A _____ decision often results in errors and oversights.

15. Businesses that prioritize _____ tend to build trust with their stakeholders.

16. The plot to carry out the _____ of the political leader was discovered in advance.

17. Trading is closed during a _____ to observe a market-specific break.

18. The employees gathered in the _____ for the impromptu meeting.

19. The results of the project were _____ considering the effort invested.



20. A sudden _____ in sales can impact a company's revenue projections.

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

21. A project manager must address to maintain workflow momentum.
22. Success often hinges on the level of individuals show towards a shared goal.
23. Modern cities require robust to support their growing populations.
24. _____ plays a significant role in advocating for social change.
25. To adapt to market demands companies may undergo to enhance efficiency.
26. Customers unsatisfied with the product may seek a _____ for their purchase.
27. Economic downturns can bring about increased _____ in financial markets.
28. High _____ may indicate strong market activity.
29. A positive _____ can influence investor confidence in a company.
30. Enhancing operational efficiency is key to achieving sustainable _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Delays 2. B. Semiconductor 3. B. Operating profit 4. C. Restructuring 5. B. Profitability 6. B. Revenue 7. B. Estimates 8. B. Cancellation 9. A. Inconvenience 10. B. Uncertainty

Gap-Fill: 11. collaborate 12. Overstaffing 13. donations 14. rushed 15. transparency 16. assassination 17. market holiday 18. corridor 19. disappointing 20. dip

Matching sentence: 1. Interruptions 2. Commitment 3. Infrastructures 4. Activism 5. Restructuring 6. Refund 7. Uncertainty 8. Trading volumes 9. Outlook 10. Profitability

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