



Amtrak halts train service from Boston to New York City.

Description

Amtrak train service between Boston and New York was back up and running late Saturday night following a power outage that had caused cancellations along the busy northeast **corridor** for most of the day.

According to Amtrak, the power outage was **attributed** to a lightning strike, although the exact location of the strike was not disclosed. Initially, the disruption was reported as a result of a **malfunctioning** breaker causing a power outage on all tracks between New York's Penn Station and New Haven Union Station in Connecticut.

The rail service issued an update at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, informing customers that they were working to rebook travel plans for those impacted by the adjustments. Amtrak expressed regret for any inconvenience caused by the disruption.

Social media posts by Amtrak revealed that power issues had been ongoing since Friday morning, causing **numerous** delays and cancellations. However, by Saturday night, two trains were operating on schedule: the 65 train from Boston to Newport News, Va., and train 66 from Roanoke, Va., to Boston.

Most trains are expected to resume their normal schedule on Sunday, with some exceptions. Amtrak announced the cancellation of trains 143, 162, and 150, citing equipment locations during the service disruption. Additionally, trains 54 and 157 will operate on a modified schedule.

Travelers who wish to change their reservations will not incur additional charges, and Amtrak assured that affected passengers will be accommodated on similar departure times or offered **alternative** travel dates.

For further information, messages were directed to Amtrak. The rail service also mentioned that about 4.6 million people were projected to travel by bus, train, or cruise ships during the Fourth of July holiday, indicating a 9 percent increase from the previous year and nearing pre-**pandemic** levels.

Vocabulary List:

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Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What caused the power outage affecting Amtrak train service between Boston and New York?
Option: A lightning strike
Option: Equipment malfunction
Option: Human error
Option: Weather disruption
2. Which two trains were operating on schedule by Saturday night after the disruption?
Option: 23 Boston to Newport News and train 66 from Roanoke to New York
Option: 65 Boston to Newport News and train 66 Roanoke to Boston
Option: 54 Boston to New Haven and train 157 from Roanoke to New York
Option: 143 Boston to New Haven and train 150 Roanoke to Boston
3. How many people were projected to travel by bus train or cruise ships during the Fourth of July holiday?
Option: 3 million
Option: 4 million
Option: 4.6 million
Option: 5.5 million
4. Which trains were canceled during the service disruption according to Amtrak?
Option: Trains 65 66 143
Option: Trains 54 157
Option: Trains 150 162
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5. What was the main reason for the power issues causing delays and cancellations?



- Option: Equipment malfunction
- Option: Lightning strike
- Option: Human error
- Option: Weather conditions

6. What action did Amtrak take to assist affected passengers?

- Option: Charging extra fees for reservation changes
- Option: Offering alternative travel dates
- Option: Canceling all reservations
- Option: Delaying all train schedules

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A lightning strike 2. 65 Boston to Newport News and train 66 Roanoke to Boston 3. 4.6 million 4. Trains 143 162 150 5. Equipment malfunction 6. Offering alternative travel dates

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which term describes introducing new ideas or methods for the first time?

- Option: Revolutionary
- Option: Innovate
- Option: Disrupt
- Option: Pioneering

2. Which term means operating in such a way that it is easy for others to see what actions are performed?

- Option: Catastrophic
- Option: Permeated
- Option: Transparency
- Option: Projection

3. Which word is used to express excitement about something expected?

- Option: Sentiment
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Volatility
- Option: Stimulus

4. Which term means to interrupt an event activity or process by causing a disturbance or problem?

- Option: Inconvenience



- Option: Emanating
- Option: Disrupt
- Option: Permated

5. What is the term used to describe a situation that causes trouble or difficulty to someone?

- Option: Canceled
- Option: Refunded
- Option: Inconvenience
- Option: Regret

6. Which word describes the liability to change rapidly and unpredictably especially for the worse?

- Option: Tumultuous
- Option: Geopolitical
- Option: Volatility
- Option: Catastrophic

7. Which term refers to feeling sad repentant or disappointed over something that has happened or been done?

- Option: Regret
- Option: Underwhelming
- Option: Performance
- Option: Sentiment

8. Which word is used to describe an event causing great and often sudden damage or suffering; disastrous?

- Option: Extinguished
- Option: Catastrophic
- Option: Performance
- Option: Retreated

9. Which term means not producing excitement interest or satisfaction?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Underwhelming
- Option: Stimulus
- Option: Volatility

10. What term refers to conditions or variables that increase the chances of an adverse outcome or failure?

- Option: Tumultuous
- Option: Risk factors
- Option: Geopolitical
- Option: Uncertainties



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

11. The new technology company claimed to have developed a _____ product that would change the industry.
12. Businesses that fail to _____ risk becoming obsolete in today's fast-paced market.
13. The survivors of the shipwreck recounted their _____ experience of being stranded at sea for days.
14. The finance department _____ that the company would exceed its revenue targets for the year.
15. Due to the approaching hurricane the coastal town was _____ as a precautionary measure.
16. The delicious smell of freshly baked cookies was _____ from the kitchen.
17. Customers who were dissatisfied with the product were offered a full _____.
18. The sudden _____ of the concert disappointed many fans who had been looking forward to the event.
19. Economic policymakers introduced a new tax cut as a _____ to encourage consumer spending.
20. The _____ situation in the region led to concerns about potential conflicts between neighboring countries.

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

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| 21. The young athlete showed great potential and was expected to have a successful career in sports. |
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22. The drone was programmed to navigate through the obstacle course without human intervention.
23. The country went through a period of political unrest and upheaval resulting in a transition of power.
24. Investors were hesitant due to the numerous economic affecting the market.
25. The art exhibition was a of creative ideas and diverse artistic styles.
26. The scientist's groundbreaking research led to a discovery that changed the course of medicine.
27. The aroma of the spices the entire kitchen creating a welcoming atmosphere.
28. The firefighters worked tirelessly until the last flame was and the building was safe.
29. The company's optimistic revenue turned out to be accurate as profits soared.
30. The army from the battlefield after suffering heavy casualties and regrouped for a new strategy.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Pioneering 2. Transparency 3. Anticipation 4. Disrupt 5. Inconvenience 6. Volatility 7. Regret 8. Catastrophic 9. Underwhelming 10. Risk factors

Gap-Fill: 11. Revolutionary 12. Innovate 13. Harrowing 14. Projected 15. Evacuated 16. Emanating 17. Refunded 18. Cancellation 19. Stimulus 20. Geopolitical

Matching sentence: 1. Promising 2. Autonomously 3. Tumultuous 4. Uncertainties 5. Confluence 6. Revolutionary 7. Permeated 8. Extinguished 9. Projection 10. Retreated

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