

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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- 2. **Corridor** /?k??r.?.d??r/ (noun): A long passage in a building from which doors lead into rooms.
- 3. **Malfunctioning** /?mæl?f??k.??n.??/ (adjective): Failing to work or operate correctly.
- 4. **Numerous** /?nju?.m?.r?s/ (adjective): Great in number; many.
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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 Option: Trains 143 162 150

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 NEWS.COM 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 obsol	ete in today	's fast-paced market.
13. The survivors of the shipwred	k recounted their		experie	nce of being stranded
at sea for days.				
14. The finance department		that the company	would exce	ed its revenue targets
for the year.				
15. Due to the approaching hurri	cane the coastal to	own was		as a precautionary
measure.		WS.		
16. The delicious smell of freshly			from	the kitchen.
17. Customers who were dissatis	fied with the produ	uct were offered a ful	I	·
18. The sudden	of the co	ncert disappointed m	any fans wh	o had been looking
forward to the event.				
19. Economic policymakers intro-	duced a new tax c	ut as a		to encourage consumer
spending.				
20. The	situation in the re	egion led to concerns	about poter	itial conflicts between
neighboring countries.				
Matching Sentences (Match	each definition	to the correct word	from the v	ocabulary list.)
21. The young athlete showed	great potential and	d was expected to ha	ve a success	ful career in sports.



- 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

CATEGORY

1. Business - LEVEL6

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