



Boeing to Cut 17,000 Jobs During Strike

Description

Amidst the ongoing Boeing factory strike, the company is facing financial challenges and plans to lay off approximately 10 percent of its workforce, which equates to about 17,000 employees. This decision comes as Boeing continues to struggle financially and grapple with the impact of the ongoing strike.

The new CEO, Kelly Ortberg, announced in a memo to employees that the job cuts will affect executives, managers, and other staff members. Boeing, which currently employs around 170,000 people globally, has manufacturing facilities primarily in Washington and South Carolina.

Due to the impending layoffs, Boeing will suspend its temporary furloughs and make significant changes to its production plans. The rollout of the new plane, the 777X, will be delayed to 2026, and the company will cease building the cargo version of its 767 jet in 2027 after fulfilling existing orders.

Financial Struggles

Boeing has reported staggering financial losses of over \$25 billion since the beginning of 2019. The company has been further impacted by a strike that began on September 14, involving approximately 33,000 union machinists.

As Boeing navigates these challenges, new CEO Ortberg faces the daunting task of steering the company towards stability and success.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Impending** /ɪmˈpɛndɪŋ/ (adjective): About to happen; imminent.
2. **Layoff** /ˈleɪɔf/ (noun): A discharge of an employee or a group of employees.
3. **Struggling** /ˈstrʌɡlɪŋ/ (verb): Engaging in a fight or contest; having difficulty.
4. **Staggering** /ˈstægərɪŋ/ (adjective): Very shocking or surprising; astonishing.
5. **Machinists** /məˈʃiːnɪsts/ (noun): Workers skilled in operating machines or equipment.
6. **Production** /prəˈdʌkʃən/ (noun): The process of making or manufacturing goods.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What percentage of Boeing's workforce is the company planning to lay off?

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

2. Which new plane model is Boeing delaying the rollout to 2026?

- Option: 787 Dreamliner
- Option: 747 Jumbo Jet
- Option: 777X
- Option: 737 Max

3. In which two states does Boeing have its primary manufacturing facilities?

- Option: Georgia and California
- Option: Texas and Florida
- Option: Washington and South Carolina
- Option: Michigan and Oregon

4. How many union machinists were involved in the strike at Boeing?

- Option: 10,000
- Option: 20,000
- Option: 30,000
- Option: 40,000

5. When did the strike at Boeing involving union machinists begin?

- Option: February 14
- Option: June 14
- Option: September 14
- Option: December 14

6. How many employees does Boeing currently employ globally?

- Option: 100,000
- Option: 150,000
- Option: 170,000
- Option: 200,000



True-False

7. Boeing plans to lay off approximately 20,000 employees due to the ongoing strike.
8. The rollout of the new plane, the 777X, will be delayed to 2026.
9. Boeing has reported financial losses of over \$25 billion since the beginning of 2019.
10. The job cuts at Boeing will only affect lower-level staff members.
11. The strike at Boeing began on October 14.
12. Boeing will continue building the cargo version of its 767 jet indefinitely.

Gap-Fill

13. Boeing will delay the rollout of the new plane, the 777X, to _____.
14. The job cuts at Boeing will affect executives, managers, and other staff members, totaling about _____ employees.
15. Boeing has had financial losses of over \$25 billion since the beginning of _____.
16. The strike at Boeing involved approximately _____ union machinists.
17. Boeing currently employs around _____ people globally.
18. The company will cease building the cargo version of its 767 jet in _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 10% 2. 777X 3. Washington and South Carolina 4. 33,000 5. September 14 6. 170,000

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 2026 14. 17,000 15. 2019 16. 33,000 17. 170,000 18. 2027

Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. Which type of speech aims to convince the audience to adopt a certain belief or take a specific action?
Option: Persuasive
Option: Performance
Option: Confidence
Option: Anxiety
2. Which term refers to new methods ideas or products that bring about positive change or improvement?
Option: Layoff
Option: Staggering
Option: Machinists
Option: Innovations
3. What is the type of stress that can be positive motivating and lead to personal growth?
Option: Affluent
Option: Disparities
Option: Eustress
Option: Necessities
4. What type of factory produces batteries at a large scale such as those used in electric vehicles?
Option: Environmentally
Option: Impending
Option: Layoff
Option: Gigafactory
5. Which term is used to describe a high-quality luxury product or service that commands a higher price?
Option: Struggling
Option: Staggering
Option: Premium
Option: Machinists
6. Which term refers to a feeling of worry nervousness or unease about something with an uncertain outcome?
Option: Persuasive
Option: Performance
Option: Confidence
Option: Anxiety
7. What are difficulties or obstacles that are faced on the path to achieving a goal or success?
Option: Eustress
Option: Affluent



Option: Disparities
Option: Challenges

8. Which term describes practices or actions that are friendly or safe for the natural world?

Option: Gourmet
Option: Discerning
Option: Environmentally
Option: Impending

9. What term describes having a great deal of money or wealth?

Option: Premium
Option: Struggling
Option: Affluent
Option: Staggering

10. Which term refers to the process of making or manufacturing goods on a large scale?

Option: Machinists
Option: Production
Option: Lounge
Option: Experience

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

11. _____ is the belief in oneself and one's ability to succeed.

12. Prices that have been adjusted for _____ changes account for the impact of rising prices over time.

13. The sense of an _____ crisis caused widespread concern among the population.

14. The company announced a massive _____ that would affect hundreds of employees.

15. Despite _____ in the market the company remained determined to stay afloat.

16. The amount of revenue generated by the new product was truly _____.

17. Skilled _____ were essential in ensuring the proper function of the factory equipment.



18. Having prior _____ in the field made her a valuable asset to the team.
19. The hotel was renowned for its exceptional _____ and top-notch service.
20. The restaurant prided itself on serving only the finest _____ dishes to its discerning customers.

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

21. The anticipation of an upcoming promotion created a positive form of stress that motivated the employees to perform better.
22. The company's success was heavily dependent on the of its customers to choose their brand over competitors.
23. Electric vehicles often use batteries that contain _____ as a key component for energy storage.
24. The hotel catered to a clientele who had high expectations for quality and service.
25. The market remained positive despite the recent economic downturn.
26. The company's ambitious expansion plans put it on a growth that would see it enter new markets.
27. The looming deadline caused a sense of _____ among the team members as they rushed to complete the project.
28. Overcoming the various _____ in the industry required innovative solutions and a determined mindset.
29. The dark clouds on the horizon gave a sense of doom as a storm approached.
30. The luxury brand offered a service that catered to clients seeking exclusivity and top-notch quality.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Persuasive 2. Innovations 3. Eustress 4. Gigafactory 5. Premium 6. Anxiety 7. Challenges 8. Environmentally 9. Affluent 10. Production

Gap-Fill: 11. Confidence 12. Inflation-adjusted 13. Impending 14. Layoff 15. Struggling 16. Staggering 17. Machinists 18. Experience 19. Hospitality 20. Gourmet

Matching sentence: 1. Eustress 2. Reliance 3. Lithium 4. Discerning 5. Sentiment 6. Trajectory 7. Anxiety 8. Challenges 9. Impending 10. Premium



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