



eBay Faces Major Disruption Amid Server Errors

Description

eBay users are facing serious problems with accessing the platform. Many people report that they cannot search, log in, or complete their purchases. The issues began around 3:30 PM Eastern time and continue to affect users.

Reports indicate that the system, known as the API, is down. This affects all features that rely on it, which includes third-party tools used by some sellers. Users shared their complaints online, showing that some have not been able to sign in for hours.

The eBay community forums also show issues. When working, users see problems with search results and item descriptions. Sometimes, search results return no items or show error messages.

These disruptions impact sellers, especially those with auctions ending soon. They could lose important bids because buyers cannot access bidding options. Unfortunately, sellers have limited options for addressing this situation. They may end their auctions early but could face extra fees.

Reports about this problem come from the UK, Canada, and Australia, suggesting it is a global issue. eBay has not confirmed these reports or explained how long it will take to fix them.

Vocabulary List:

1. **accessing** //ˈæk.sɛsɪŋ// (verb): getting into or using a system or service
2. **platform** //ˈplæt.fɔrm// (noun): a website or system where services are available
3. **API** //,eɪ.pi:'aɪ// (noun): a way for computer programs to talk together
4. **disruptions** //dɪs'rʌpʃənz// (noun): times when normal work is stopped or interrupted
5. **auctions** //ˈɔkʃənz// (noun): public sales where people bid to buy items
6. **confirmed** //kən'fɜːmd// (verb): said officially that something is true

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. At what time did the issues with eBay begin?



- Option: 2:00 PM
- Option: 3:30 PM
- Option: 4:45 PM
- Option: 5:00 PM

2. Which system is reported to be down, affecting eBay users?

- Option: Server
- Option: API
- Option: Database
- Option: Network

3. Which of the following best describes the impact of the issues on sellers?

- Option: No impact
- Option: Limited access to features
- Option: Complete site shutdown
- Option: No change in auction status

4. Which countries reported problems with eBay?

- Option: USA and Mexico
- Option: UK, Canada, and Australia
- Option: India and China
- Option: Germany and France

5. What did users experience while trying to search for items on eBay?

- Option: Fast results
- Option: Error messages
- Option: All items available
- Option: No issues

6. What action can sellers take if they are affected by the auction disruptions?

- Option: Ignore the problem
- Option: End their auctions early
- Option: Increase item prices
- Option: Delete their accounts

True-False

7. Users have reported that they can log in to eBay without issues.



8. The problems with eBay are only affecting users in the United States.
9. Sellers may incur extra fees if they end their auctions early.
10. The API issues affect all features that rely on it.
11. eBay has confirmed the reported issues and provided an estimated fix time.
12. Users cannot complete purchases due to the current eBay problems.

Gap-Fill

13. The issues began around 3:30 PM Eastern time and continue to affect users _____ .
14. Reports indicate that the system, known as the _____ , is down.
15. Sellers could lose important bids because buyers cannot access _____ options.
16. Unfortunately, sellers have limited options for addressing this _____ .
17. Users see problems with search results and item _____ .
18. These disruptions impact sellers, especially those with _____ ending soon.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 3:30 PM 2. API 3. Limited access to features 4. UK, Canada, and Australia 5. Error messages 6. End their auctions early

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

Gap-Fill: 13. now 14. API 15. bidding 16. situation 17. descriptions 18. auctions

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What are tariffs primarily used to regulate?

Option: Trade



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- Option: Social services
Option: Healthcare
Option: Education
2. What might a customer request if they are dissatisfied with a product?
Option: Warranty
Option: Refund
Option: Upgrade
Option: Exchange
3. Which of the following is a common reason to invest in stock markets?
Option: Short-term gambling
Option: Wealth accumulation
Option: Educational purposes
Option: Social engagement
4. Which industry would involve creating products from raw materials?
Option: Agriculture
Option: Manufacturing
Option: Services
Option: Retail
5. What type of issues are often discussed during an election?
Option: Economic
Option: Political
Option: Social
Option: Environmental
6. What can provide relief from certain taxes or duties?
Option: Regulations
Option: Exemptions
Option: Permits
Option: Licenses
7. What word describes a cold drink on a hot day?
Option: Heavy
Option: Stale
Option: Refreshing
Option: Bland
8. What term is used to describe a specific area of expertise?
Option: General
Option: Specialty



- Option: Basic
- Option: Common

9. Which type of beverage is known for its stimulating effects?

- Option: Caffeinated
- Option: Decaffeinated
- Option: Herbal
- Option: Flat

10. What is typically made to share important information with the public?

- Option: Request
- Option: Announcement
- Option: Invitation
- Option: Report

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

11. The _____ of products can vary based on demand and supply.
12. After dinner, we enjoyed several _____ at the café.
13. Users face challenges when _____ the online platform.
14. Many businesses are moving towards a digital _____ for sales.
15. The new software integrates with the existing systems through an _____.
16. Supply chain _____ can lead to delays in product delivery.
17. Online _____ have become popular for buying and selling unique items.
18. The results of the research were _____ by multiple studies.
19. The company is _____ a new discount for first-time customers.
20. Customer feedback is highly _____ by companies seeking improvement.

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

21. The wealthy businessman owned a sprawling estate in the countryside.



22. Investing in shares can be a way to grow wealth over time.
23. The manufacturing process was streamlined to increase efficiency.
24. The new tax laws were so complicated that few could understand them.
25. The unveiling of the new smartphone attracted a large audience.
26. The project was delayed due to unexpected challenges.
27. The engineers developed a prototype to test the new design.
28. Before launching the product, the team sought validation from industry experts.
29. The bank requires deposits to open a new savings account.
30. The customers were frustrated by the long wait times for service.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Trade 2. Refund 3. Wealth accumulation 4. Manufacturing 5. Political 6. Exemptions 7. Refreshing 8. Specialty 9. Caffeinated 10. Announcement

Gap-Fill: 11. availability 12. beverages 13. accessing 14. platform 15. API 16. disruptions 17. auctions 18. confirmed 19. offering 20. valued

Matching sentence: 1. estate 2. shares 3. process 4. complicated 5. unveiling 6. delayed 7. prototype 8. validation 9. deposits 10. frustrated

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