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## Markets Wrap: Stocks Drop on Mideast Tensions, Treasuries Gain

### Description

Markets were tense on Friday as tensions in the Middle East escalated, causing stocks to plummet worldwide. Investors sought safety in bonds and the dollar amidst the uncertainty. Treasuries saw gains, pushing the 10-year yield down significantly following Israel's retaliatory strike on Iran. The Stoxx Europe 600 index fell, marking a third consecutive week of losses. Futures for the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 were also down.

Despite an initial jump, the dollar remained steady, while oil prices saw some volatility. The week was challenging for markets due to strong economic data and speculation around US interest rates. With earnings season in full swing, traders are cautiously waiting for corporate results.

Individual companies like Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and Infosys Ltd. saw declines based on revised revenue outlooks. In terms of key events, central bank speeches are expected as markets closely monitor US interest rate movements. Overall, the economic landscape remains uncertain as global tensions continue to affect market sentiment.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tensions** // (noun): Feelings of hostility between individuals or groups.
2. **Plummet** // (verb): To fall or drop rapidly in amount or value.
3. **Retaliatory** // (adjective): Done as a reaction to an attack.
4. **Consecutive** // (adjective): Following in uninterrupted succession.
5. **Volatility** // (noun): The rate at which the price of a security increases or decreases.
6. **Speculation** // (noun): Engagement in risky business transactions in an attempt to profit.

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term used to describe strained relations or feelings between individuals or groups?  
Option: A. Harmony  
Option: B. Tensions  
Option: C. Peace  
Option: D. Tranquility
2. What is the process of reducing something to half its original amount called?  
Option: A. Doubling  
Option: B. Tripling  
Option: C. Halving  
Option: D. Quadrupling
3. Which term refers to the impact of geography on international politics and relations?  
Option: A. Geospatial  
Option: B. Geophysical  
Option: C. Geopolitical  
Option: D. Geometrical
4. What is the process of forming or joining a labor union known as?  
Option: A. Unionization  
Option: B. Corporation  
Option: C. Association  
Option: D. Syndication
5. Which term refers to the profits generated by a company?  
Option: A. Revenue



- Option: B. Expenditure
- Option: C. Earnings
- Option: D. Losses

6. What is the term used to describe an excessive desire for material wealth or gain?

- Option: A. Content
- Option: B. Generous
- Option: C. Greedy
- Option: D. Modest

7. Which term refers to the likelihood or expectation of success in the future?

- Option: A. Obstacles
- Option: B. Challenges
- Option: C. Prospects
- Option: D. Hindrances

8. What is the term used to describe an attitude opinion or emotion towards something?

- Option: A. Sentiment
- Option: B. Fact
- Option: C. Logic
- Option: D. Reason

9. Which term means to take advantage of a situation for personal gain?

- Option: A. Invest
- Option: B. Capitalize
- Option: C. Save
- Option: D. Spend

10. Which term refers to the degree of variation of a trading price series?

- Option: A. Stability
- Option: B. Volatility
- Option: C. Consistency
- Option: D. Predictability

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

11. The team won the championship for the third \_\_\_\_\_ year.

12. The country imposed \_\_\_\_\_ tariffs in response to the trade restrictions.

13. The employees engaged in \_\_\_\_\_ to improve their working conditions.



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14. The company introduced a \_\_\_\_\_ scheme to motivate employees.
15. Negotiations between the union and management resulted in significant \_\_\_\_\_  
for workers.
16. After weeks of discussions both parties finally reached a \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ index tracks the performance of major European companies.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a stock market index for the Tokyo Stock Exchange.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a share index of the 100 companies listed on the London Stock  
Exchange.
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ index measures the performance of all companies listed on the first  
section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

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



21. Investors engaged in buying and selling assets with the hope of making a profit.
22. An optimistic outlook on the future performance of a particular market or asset.
23. The examination of data and information to gain insights and make informed decisions.
24. A positive attitude or belief in a favorable outcome.
25. An increase or improvement in something.
26. A system in which employees receive a share of the company's profits.
27. The degree of variation in the price of a financial instrument over time.
28. The profits generated by a corporation from its business activities.
29. An excessive desire for wealth or material possessions.
30. Formally approved or confirmed usually through a vote or agreement.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Tensions 2. C. Halving 3. C. Geopolitical 4. A. Unionization 5. C. Earnings 6. C. Greedy 7. C. Prospects 8. A. Sentiment 9. B. Capitalize 10. B. Volatility

**Gap-Fill:** 11. consecutive 12. retaliatory 13. organizing efforts 14. profit sharing 15. wage increases 16. contract agreement 17. Stoxx 18. Nikkei 225 19. FTSE 100 20. Topix

**Matching sentence:** 1. Speculation 2. Bullish 3. Analysis 4. Optimism 5. Boost 6. Profit Sharing 7. Volatility 8. Corporate Earnings 9. Greedy 10. Ratified

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