



# McDonald's Closes Amid Global IT Outage

## Description

In an unforeseen turn of events, numerous McDonald's outlets across Australia were **compelled** to temporarily cease operations due to a **prevalent** technological malfunction which rendered customers **incapable** of making electronic payments for their meals. Concurrently, similar **predicaments** were reported from various other international branches as well.

According to information **procured** by News.com.au, the internal management systems of Australian eateries have been **inaccessible** since approximately 3:10 p.m. local time. It is worth noting that technical **disruptions** were also flagged online from several global locations, including but not limited to China, Hong Kong, Japan, Canada, South Korea, Taiwan, and Germany.

The **eminent** American fast food conglomerate's iconic logo can be seen conspicuously displayed outside an establishment on January 09, 2024, in Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom. The photograph becomes emblematic of the company's recent technological hurdles articulated by branches from across the world.

What is apparent thus far is that in Australia, not all restaurants have been forced to temporarily halt operations due to a system **failure**. Some outlets have managed to keep their doors open by resorting to cash transactions exclusively. The McDonald's Japan official handle on the social platform X—formerly known as Twitter—spoke about a system malfunction without divulging any specific grounds for this.

An illustrative case is New Zealand, where a McDonald's worker informed the New Zealand Herald about a system server **breakdown** that prohibited them from processing any orders or delivering food since their order-processing screens became non-functional. Despite this, customers in Hong Kong were able to buy food items, but were unable to use mobile applications and self-serving kiosks. The issue was ascribed to a "computer system failure." and patrons were encouraged to place their orders directly at the restaurant counters.

In a similar vein, McDonald's Taiwan issued an announcement stating the temporary suspension of its "24hr Happy Delivery" and telephonic ordering system due to maintenance activities. Some customers in the U.K. also mentioned difficulties in placing orders, however, official confirmation from McDonald's U.K is still awaited.

The Downtetector website indicates problems commencing from around 5:30 a.m. local time as per U.K.-based McDonald's app users. Additional complications were reported from the United States, Canada, Netherlands, and Germany via Reddit and X platforms, respectively. Newsweek has reached out to McDonald's for their comment on the situation.

As part of an innovative series, Newsweek is dedicated to challenging conventional norms and searching for intersections with the aim of finding a collective solution. This mission, referred to as 'Uncommon Knowledge', edges towards a comprehensive interpretation of world events.



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## Vocabulary Insights:

- **Compelled** (/k?m?peld/, v.): Forced to take an action.
- **Prevalent** (/?prev?l?nt/, adj.): Widespread in a particular area or at a particular time.
- **Incapable** (/in?k?p?b(?)l/, adj.): Unable to do or achieve something.
- **Predicaments** (/pr??d?k?m?nt/, n.): Difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situations.
- **Procured** (/pr??kj??r/, v.): Obtained, especially with care or effort.
- **Inaccessible** (/??n?k?ses?b(?)l/, adj.): Unable to be reached or entered.
- **Disruptions** (/d?s?r?p??nz/, n.): Disturbances or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process.
- **Eminent** (/?em?n?nt/, adj.): Famous and respected within a particular sphere.
- **Failure** (/?fe?lj?r/, n.): Lack of success.
- **Breakdown** (/?bre?k?da?n/, n.): A failure of a system, especially an electronic one, to function.

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## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the meaning of the word "compelled"?  
Option: A. Hindered  
Option: B. Voluntarily motivated  
Option: C. Made to do something  
Option: D. Discouraged
2. Which of the following is a synonym for "eminent"?  
Option: A. Insignificant  
Option: B. Prominent  
Option: C. Common  
Option: D. Mediocre
3. How would you describe the impact of something devastating?  
Option: A. Mild  
Option: B. Positive  
Option: C. Severe  
Option: D. Temporary
4. What does "feasible" mean?  
Option: A. Unreasonable  
Option: B. Unattainable  
Option: C. Achievable  
Option: D. Impractical
5. Which term best describes a volatile situation?  
Option: A. Stable  
Option: B. Predictable  
Option: C. Unstable  
Option: D. Secure
6. What does the word "cascade" imply?  
Option: A. Slow trickle  
Option: B. Fast flow



- Option: C. Steady stream  
Option: D. Still water

7. How would you describe an anticipated event?

- Option: A. Unexpected  
Option: B. Predicted  
Option: C. Delayed  
Option: D. Unnoticed

8. What is the best description of something arduous?

- Option: A. Simple  
Option: B. Challenging  
Option: C. Effortless  
Option: D. Quick

9. What does "resurgence" signify?

- Option: A. Decline  
Option: B. Recovery  
Option: C. Stagnation  
Option: D. Regression

10. Which term is synonymous with "mogul"?

- Option: A. Peasant  
Option: B. Tycoon  
Option: C. Novice  
Option: D. Helper

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

11. The team successfully \_\_\_\_\_ the necessary supplies for the project.

12. The sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of new members overwhelmed the small club.

13. The tension in the room was so thick it felt almost \_\_\_\_\_.

14. The company saw a gradual \_\_\_\_\_ in sales over the past few months.

15. The organization started as a small \_\_\_\_\_ movement before gaining national attention.



16. Although he tried to keep up a \_\_\_\_\_ of normalcy his anxiety was evident.
17. The team had high \_\_\_\_\_ for the upcoming product launch.
18. The lack of rain \_\_\_\_\_ the region's drought conditions.
19. The decision had unforeseen \_\_\_\_\_ that affected the entire industry.
20. There was a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ in demand for the popular product.
21. The stock market has been experiencing an \_\_\_\_\_ in prices recently.

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

22. The car experienced a sudden on the highway causing a delay.
23. Despite his efforts he felt of completing the challenging task.
24. The ongoing construction caused frequent to the usual traffic flow.
25. The new housing development aimed to provide options for young families.
26. The limited seats for the event were quickly due to high demand.
27. Despite the chaos he managed to maintain a of calmness.
28. The company's profits took a sudden after the market crash.
29. Investors value high in assets for easy conversion to cash.
30. The team's high for the project fueled their determination.
31. The complex between the characters added depth to the storyline.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C. Made to do something 2. B. Prominent 3. C. Severe 4. C. Achievable 5. C. Unstable 6. B. Fast flow 7. B. Predicted 8. B. Challenging 9. B. Recovery 10. B. Tycoon

**Gap-Fill:** 11. procured 12. influx 13. palpable 14. decrement 15. grassroots 16. semblance 17. anticipations 18. exacerbated 19. repercussions 20. surge 21. uptrend

**Matching sentence:** 1. Breakdown 2. Incapable 3. Disruptions 4. Affordable 5. Oversubscribed 6. Semblance 7. Nosedive



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8. Liquidity 9. Anticipations 10. Interplay

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