



Real-Time Stock Market Updates

Description

Stock futures went down slightly on Sunday night after the S&P 500 had a good week. The S&P 500 futures dropped by 0.03%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average futures fell by 0.02%. Nasdaq-100 futures also decreased by 0.08%. Last week, the stock market did well, with the S&P 500 going up by 3.9%, the Nasdaq Composite by 5.2%, and the Dow by 2.9%. The market had a rough start to August but got better when good news came out about retail sales, jobless claims, and Walmart's results. Investors are looking forward to hearing from Fed Chair Jerome Powell for more info on rate cuts. Also, earnings reports from Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder are expected. This info could affect the stock market this week.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Futures** /'fju:tʃərz/ (noun): Financial contracts obligating the buyer to purchase an asset at a predetermined price at a specified time in the future.
2. **Decrease** /di'kri:s/ (verb): To make or become smaller or fewer in size amount intensity or degree.
3. **Earnings** /'ɜ:rnɪŋz/ (noun): Money obtained in return for labor or services.
4. **Investors** /ɪn'vestərz/ (noun): Individuals or institutions that allocate capital with the expectation of generating financial returns.
5. **Claim** /kleɪm/ (noun): A formal request for the payment of a financial obligation.
6. **Affect** /ə'fekt/ (verb): To have an influence on or make a change to something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage decrease in S&P 500 futures as mentioned in the text?
Option: 0.02%
Option: 0.03%
Option: 0.08%
Option: 0.09%
2. Which index had the smallest decrease in futures according to the text?



- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: Nasdaq-100
- Option: Russell 2000

3. By what percentage did the Nasdaq Composite increase last week?

- Option: 2.9%
- Option: 3.9%
- Option: 5.2%
- Option: 8.1%

4. What contributed to the improvement in the stock market mentioned in the text?

- Option: Political events
- Option: Earnings reports
- Option: Interest rate changes
- Option: Natural disasters

5. Who are investors looking forward to hearing from for more information on rate cuts?

- Option: Warren Buffett
- Option: Elon Musk
- Option: Jeff Bezos
- Option: Jerome Powell

6. Which companies are mentioned as having upcoming earnings reports in the text?

- Option: Apple and Microsoft
- Option: Facebook and Google
- Option: Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder
- Option: Tesla and Amazon

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.03% 2. Dow Jones 3. 5.2% 4. Good news about retail sales jobless claims and Walmart's results 5. Jerome Powell 6. Palo Alto Networks and Estee Lauder

Vocabulary quizzes

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



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1. Which word best describes a person who is often in a bad mood or irritable?
Option: Routine
Option: Grumpy
Option: Yummy
Option: Trust
 2. Who are professionals responsible for creating software and applications?
Option: Consumers
Option: Developers
Option: Entrepreneurs
Option: Charge
 3. What is the process of embedding a visible or invisible mark in a digital image or document to provide copyright protection?
Option: Decrease
Option: Earnings
Option: Watermarking
Option: Claim
 4. Which term refers to conducting business transactions online through the internet?
Option: Trend
Option: E-commerce
Option: Stake
Option: Affect
 5. What type of material is artificially made by chemical synthesis?
Option: Integrity
Option: Synthetic
Option: Struggling
Option: Futures
 6. Which term signifies confidence in the reliability or integrity of a person or thing?
Option: Trust
Option: Charge
Option: Bounce
Option: Claim
 7. Who is a person or business that sells goods to consumers?
Option: Partnership
Option: Retailer
Option: Stake
Option: Decrease



8. Which term means to make something smaller in size, amount, or number?

- Option: Investors
- Option: Decrease
- Option: Qualitative
- Option: Futures

9. Which word describes facing challenges or difficulties in achieving success?

- Option: Partnership
- Option: Earnings
- Option: Struggling
- Option: Claim

10. What term describes the ability to comprehend information or ideas?

- Option: Entrepreneurs
- Option: Yummy
- Option: Understanding
- Option: Charge

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

11. A _____ is a general direction in which something is developing or changing.

12. A _____ is a cooperative relationship between two or more individuals or entities.

13. _____ is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or something.

14. A _____ is an assertion of the truth of something, typically without providing evidence or proof.

15. _____ is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.

16. _____ research focuses on the quality of data, providing insights into the problem or helping to develop ideas or hypotheses for potential quantitative research.

17. Investing in financial _____ involves buying or selling a contract that obligates a



party to buy or sell an asset at a specific future date and price.

18. _____ are the profits made by a company.

19. _____ are individuals or institutions that commit money to purchase financial securities, real assets, or other investment strategies.

20. _____ are individuals or households that consume goods and services produced within an economy.

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

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| 21. Many people follow a daily of activities to maintain productivity and organization. |
| 22. There is a to how much information one can absorb in a short period of time. |
| 23. To save money, many people try to unnecessary expenses from their budgets. |
| 24. The chef prepared a dessert that left everyone wanting more. |
| 25. In the hours, the city comes alive with vibrant nightlife and entertainment. |
| 26. play a crucial role in creating new software applications and programs for various industries. |
| 27. are individuals who take on financial risks in the hope of making a profit from a new business venture. |
| 28. Building with customers is essential for businesses to maintain long-term relationships and loyalty. |
| 29. Many startups face challenges and obstacles when they are to establish themselves in the market. |
| 30. provide capital to companies or projects with the expectation of receiving a return on their investment. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Grumpy 2. Developers 3. Watermarking 4. E-commerce 5. Synthetic 6. Trust 7. Retailer 8. Decrease 9. Struggling 10. Understanding

Gap-Fill: 11. Trend 12. Partnership 13. Trust 14. Claim 15. Integrity 16. Qualitative 17. Futures 18. Earnings 19. Investors



20. Consumers

Matching sentence: 1. Routine 2. Limit 3. Reduce 4. Yummy 5. Evening 6. Developers 7. Entrepreneurs 8. Trust 9. Struggling 10. Investors

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