Real-Time Stock Market Updates: Today’s Live Feed

Description

Stocks went down on the first day of trading in the new year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 0.4%, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite also down the same amount. Even though the market started higher, it turned around in the morning. Big Tech companies like Apple and Tesla saw losses, while Nvidia went up slightly. Last year was good for stocks, but it ended on a bad note. The S&P 500 went up 23%, but had four straight days of losses at the end of the year. This makes it hard for a "Santa Claus rally" to happen. Bond yields were up and down, with the 10-year Treasury yield going to almost 4.6%. This could make investing in fixed income more appealing. The week had little economic news, but a jobless claims report showed fewer people filing for unemployment.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Industrial** /ɪnˈdʌs.tri.əl/ (adjective): Related to or characterized by industry.
2. **Stock** /stɒk/ (noun): The shares of a particular company or financial asset.
3. **Yield** /jiːld/ (noun): The income generated from an investment usually expressed as a percentage.
4. **Unemployment** /ˌʌn.ɪmˈplɔɪ.mənt/ (noun): The state of being without a job despite being willing to work.
5. **Appealing** /əˈpiː.lɪŋ/ (adjective): Attractive or interesting.
6. **Rally** /ˈræli/ (noun): A period of sustained increases in the prices of stocks or commodities.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage that the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped on the first day of trading in the new year?

Option: 0.1%
Option: 0.4%
Option: 0.7%
Option: 1.2%

2. Which of the following indices also dropped the same amount as the Dow Jones Industrial Average on the

first day of trading?

Option: Nikkei 225
Option: FTSE 100
Option: S&P 500
Option: Hang Seng

3. Which technology company saw losses on the first day of trading in the new year?

Option: Nvidia
Option: Apple
Option: Google
Option: Microsoft

4. What percentage did the S&P 500 go up last year?

Option: 15%
Option: 18%
Option: 23%
Option: 27%

5. What bond yield saw fluctuations, reaching almost 4.6%?

Option: 5-year Treasury yield
Option: 10-year Treasury yield
Option: 30-year Treasury yield
Option: Corporate bond yield

6. What type of investing could become more appealing with bond yields going up?

Option: Stock investing
Option: Real estate investing
Option: Fixed income investing
Option: Commodities investing

True-False

7. The market started higher on the first day of trading in the new year.

8. Last year ended with four straight days of gains for the S&P 500.

9. A "Santa Claus rally" happened at the end of last year.

10. The week had significant economic news impacting the stock market.

11. The jobless claims report showed an increase in the number of people filing for unemployment.

12. Nvidia saw significant losses on the first day of trading in the new year.

Gap-Fill

13. The Nasdaq Composite dropped ________________________ on the first day of trading in the new year.

14. The S&P 500 had ________________________ days of losses at the end of last year.

15. The 10-year Treasury yield reached almost ________________________%.

16. Investing in fixed income could become more appealing with the rise in bond ________________________.

17. The jobless claims report showed ________________________ people filing for unemployment.

18. ________________________ went up slightly on the first day of trading in the new year.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.4% 2. S&P 500 3. Apple 4. 23% 5. 10-year Treasury yield 6. Fixed income investing
True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False
Gap-Fill: 13. 0.4% 14. four 15. 4.6 16. yields 17. fewer 18. Nvidia

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What economic phenomenon refers to a general increase in prices and a decrease in the purchasing value of money?

    Option: Decrease
    Option: Inflation
    Option: Unemployment
    Option: Stagnation

2. What term is used when two or more companies combine to form a single larger company?

Option: Explosion
Option: Breakdown
Option: Merger
Option: Expansion

3. Which of the following terms describes the condition of being without a job or work?

Option: Employment
Option: Salary
Option: Unemployment
Option: Compensation

4. What term is used to describe oil in its natural state before it has been refined or processed?

Option: Refined
Option: Processed
Option: Natural
Option: Crude

5. What term refers to the charge for the privilege of borrowing money typically expressed as a percentage?

Option: Fee
Option: Interest
Option: Tax
Option: Deposit

6. What term represents ownership in a corporation and represents a claim on part of the corporation's assets and earnings?

Option: Bond
Option: Stock
Option: Debt
Option: Investment

7. In finance what does the term "yield" typically refer to?

Option: Price
Option: Quantity
Option: Yield
Option: Demand

8. What word is used to describe a category of business activity?

Option: Market
Option: Industry
Option: Segment
Option: Sector

9. In financial terms what do "gains" usually represent?

Option: Losses
Option: Expenses
Option: Profits
Option: Gains

10. What term describes the effect or influence of one thing on another?

Option: Cause
Option: Action
Option: Impact
Option: Result

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

11. In finance the ________________________ is the income return on an investment such as the interest or dividends received.

12. The company was sued for ________________________ business practices that disadvantaged their competitors.

13. The detective collected ________________________ from the crime scene to build a case against the suspect.

14. She was ________________________ to speak at the prestigious conference due to her expertise in the field.

15. Despite the lack of concrete proof many people were ________________________ in the existence of the mythical creature.

16. The new study ________________________ that regular exercise can improve cognitive function in older adults.

17. The political candidate held a ________________________ to energize supporters before the upcoming election.

18. The stock ________________________ tracks the performance of a group of stocks representing a

particular market.

19. The directions were so ________________________ that many participants got lost during the team-building exercise.

20. The company introduced new packaging to make their product more visually ________________________ to consumers.

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

21. The dance routine had intricate and synchronized that impressed the audience.
22. The film received a positive from critics praising the acting and screenplay.
23. Farming in that region a variety of crops due to the fertile soil and favorable climate.
24. His progress in learning the new language impressed his teachers.
25. The investigative journalist published a detailed on government corruption.
26. The company is a former employee for leaking confidential information to competitors.
27. The city's economy is driven by manufacturing and production facilities.
28. The insurance company processed the driver's for the car accident damages.
29. There was no clear linking the suspect to the crime scene.
30. The new policy had a positive on the company's profitability.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Inflation 2. Merger 3. Unemployment 4. Crude 5. Interest 6. Stock 7. Yield 8. Industry 9. Gains 10. Impact
Gap-Fill: 11. yield 12. unfair 13. evidence 14. invited 15. believing 16. proves 17. rally 18. index 19. confusing 20. appealing
Matching sentence: 1. movements 2. review 3. yields 4. steady 5. report 6. suing 7. industrial 8. claims 9. evidence 10. impact

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