



Repo Man Given Six Hours to Locate 20 Pilots for Spirit Airlines Jet Seizure

Description

People behind on car payments are not the only ones who might see a repossession. Recently, Spirit Airlines went out of business, leaving its aircraft in various locations across the country. The Wall Street Journal reported that Nomadic Aviation Group is responsible for recovering these planes and putting them into storage.

Spirit Airlines leased its aircraft instead of buying them outright. Last year, the airline declared bankruptcy for the second time and had already tried to return half of its fleet. Although the shutdown was expected, it happened quickly. Spirit's planes landed wherever their last flights ended, with some even left at gates where passengers disembarked, blocking access. There were no Spirit employees available to move the aircraft.

Nomadic Aviation now steps in to retrieve these planes. They must check if the aircraft are still safe to fly before relocating them to a storage facility. Co-founder Bob Allen faced a tight deadline, saying he had just six hours to find 20 pilots to help move the planes.

Recovering an aircraft involves more than just towing it away. Nomadic has to arrange fuel, flight plans, and crew, and ensure each plane is airworthy. Most will go to storage facilities in Arizona because the dry climate prevents damage. The future of Spirit's fleet depends on decisions made by the leasing companies that own them.

Vocabulary List:

1. **repossession** //ˌri:pə'zɛʃən// (noun): when someone legally takes back property for unpaid debt
2. **leased** //li:st// (verb): rented for a long time, usually by contract
3. **bankruptcy** //ˈbæŋkrəptsi// (noun): legal state when a person or company cannot pay
4. **disembarked** //ˌdɪsəm'bɑːkt// (verb): left a plane, ship, or vehicle
5. **airworthy** //ˈɛr,wɜːði// (adjective): safe and able to fly for normal use
6. **fleet** //fli:t// (noun): a group of ships, planes, or vehicles

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What airline recently went out of business?

Option: Spirit Airlines

Option: Nomadic Aviation Group

Option: American Airlines

Option: Delta Airlines

2. Who is responsible for recovering the aircraft left by Spirit Airlines?

Option: The airline itself

Option: Nomadic Aviation Group

Option: FAA

Option: Local government

3. How many pilots did Nomadic Aviation need to find within six hours?

Option: 10

Option: 20

Option: 30

Option: 40

4. Where is it expected most of Spirit's aircraft will be stored?

Option: California

Option: New York

Option: Florida

Option: Arizona

5. What was the state of Spirit Airlines when it declared bankruptcy?

Option: Recovering

Option: Stable

Option: Going out of business

Option: Thriving

6. What is one of the responsibilities of Nomadic Aviation when retrieving the aircraft?

Option: Building new planes

Option: Arranging flight plans and crew

Option: Selling the planes

Option: Repairing damaged planes



True-False

7. Spirit Airlines bought all of its aircraft outright.
8. Nomadic Aviation Group is responsible for moving Spirit Airlines' planes to storage.
9. Bob Allen is the only person involved in retrieving Spirit's aircraft.
10. Spirit Airlines had previously declared bankruptcy once before.
11. The climate in Arizona is conducive to preventing damage to stored aircraft.
12. Recovering an aircraft is as simple as towing it away.

Gap-Fill

13. Spirit Airlines declared bankruptcy for the second time last year and had already tried to return half of its fleet. The shutdown was expected, but it happened _____.
14. Nomadic Aviation has to ensure each plane is _____ before relocating them.
15. The future of Spirit's fleet depends on decisions made by the leasing companies that _____ them.
16. Recovering an aircraft involves more than just _____ it away.
17. Most of Spirit's aircraft will go to storage facilities in Arizona because the dry climate _____ damage.
18. Bob Allen faced a tight deadline, saying he had just six hours to find _____ pilots to help move the planes.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Spirit Airlines 2. Nomadic Aviation Group 3. 20 4. Arizona 5. Going out of business 6. Arranging flight plans and crew



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

Gap-Fill: 13. quickly 14. airworthy 15. own 16. towing 17. prevents 18. 20

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is a key quality often sought in effective management?
Option: Leadership
Option: Subordination
Option: Indifference
Option: Neglect
2. Which term best describes the arrangement of different elements in an organization?
Option: Structure
Option: Disorder
Option: Chaos
Option: Fluidity
3. Which type of organization is often characterized by rigid procedures and hierarchy?
Option: Bureaucratic
Option: Agile
Option: Dynamic
Option: Flexible
4. What word describes an environment that is constantly changing?
Option: Static
Option: Dynamic
Option: Stable
Option: Predictable
5. Who are professionals that analyze financial data and trends?
Option: Analysts
Option: Investors
Option: Executives
Option: Employees
6. Which term refers to financial assets or resources?
Option: Income
Option: Capital



- Option: Debt
- Option: Liabilities

7. What are government-imposed taxes on imported goods called?

- Option: Duties
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Levies
- Option: Fees

8. What is the legal status of a person or entity that cannot repay debts?

- Option: Foreclosure
- Option: Repossession
- Option: Bankruptcy
- Option: Liquidation

9. Which term describes practices that meet the needs of the present without compromising future generations?

- Option: Temporary
- Option: Unsustainable
- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Fleeting

10. What term refers to the income generated from normal business operations?

- Option: Loss
- Option: Expense
- Option: Revenue
- Option: Investment

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

11. Companies must innovate to stay ahead and _____ in the marketplace.

12. The organization is undergoing a significant _____ to improve efficiency.

13. In times of crisis, businesses must reassess their _____ to focus on what matters most.

14. Successful _____ of the plan is crucial to achieving our goals.

15. Increased _____ for electric vehicles has prompted more manufacturers to enter the



market.

16. The firm's _____ to environmental sustainability is evident in its operations.
17. The company made a significant _____ in new technology to enhance productivity.
18. The project was ultimately _____ due to lack of funding and support.
19. Defaulting on a loan can lead to _____ of the collateral by the lender.
20. The passengers _____ from the aircraft once it reached the gate.

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

21. The execution of the strategy was flawless, leading to impressive results.
22. In business, capital is essential for expansion and operational activities.
23. Long-term investment strategies can yield significant returns over time.
24. The dynamic nature of the tech industry constantly challenges businesses to adapt.
25. Sustainable practices are increasingly important for businesses looking to minimize their environmental impact.
26. Revenue growth is critical for the company's ongoing success and stability.
27. Market demand drives the production decisions of many businesses.
28. Financial analysts provide insights that help investors make informed decisions.
29. Bankruptcy can have long-lasting effects on a business's ability to secure future funding.
30. Effective leadership often dictates the success or failure of an organization.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Leadership 2. Structure 3. Bureaucratic 4. Dynamic 5. Analysts 6. Capital 7. Tariffs
8. Bankruptcy 9. Sustainable 10. Revenue

Gap-Fill: 11. compete 12. transition 13. priorities 14. execution 15. demand 16. commitment 17. investment
18. abandoned 19. repossession 20. disembarked

Matching sentence: 1. execution



2. capital 3. investment 4. dynamic 5. sustainable 6. revenue 7. demand 8. analysts 9. bankruptcy
10. leadership

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