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# Sonos Streamlines Operations, Cuts 100 Jobs to Fix App

## Description

Sonos laid off 100 employees on Wednesday, as reported by The Verge. Workers from the marketing department were mostly affected. The company confirmed the layoffs, saying it was necessary for long-term success. Some customer support offices are also closing. The new Sonos app had problems, causing delays in products. The CEO promised to fix the app issues. The layoffs won't affect the app's progress. The Reddit community criticized the layoffs. CEO Patrick Spence admitted that his push for speed caused app problems. The company is working to improve the app.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Layoff** /'leɪ,ɔf/ (noun): The termination of an employee's position usually due to financial reasons.
2. **Necessary** /'nɛsə,seri/ (adjective): Required to be done achieved or present; needed.
3. **Criticize** /'krɪtɪ,saɪz/ (verb): To express disapproval of something or someone.
4. **Success** /sək'sɛs/ (noun): The achievement of something desired planned or attempted.
5. **Problems** /'prɒbləmz/ (noun): Situations that are difficult or harmful to deal with.
6. **Progress** /'prɒɡres/ (noun): Forward or onward movement toward a destination.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. According to The Verge how many employees did Sonos lay off on Wednesday?  
Option: 50  
Option: 75  
Option: 100  
Option: 125
2. Which department's workers were mostly affected by the layoffs at Sonos?  
Option: Human Resources  
Option: Marketing  
Option: Engineering



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Option: Customer Support

3. Why did Sonos confirm the layoffs?

- Option: Long-term success
- Option: Short-term profits
- Option: Employee dissatisfaction
- Option: Competition pressure

4. What impact did the Sonos app problems have on product delivery?

- Option: Faster delivery
- Option: No impact
- Option: Delays
- Option: Higher quality products

5. Who promised to fix the app issues at Sonos?

- Option: The Reddit community
- Option: Customer Support
- Option: Marketing Department
- Option: CEO

6. How did CEO Patrick Spence admit to causing app problems?

- Option: Lack of funding
- Option: Push for speed
- Option: Inadequate workforce
- Option: Technological issues

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 100 2. Marketing 3. Long-term success 4. Delays 5. CEO 6. Push for speed

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is the term for a temporary or permanent dismissal of employees from their jobs?

- Option: A. Promotion
- Option: B. Layoff
- Option: C. Recognition



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Option: D. Appreciation

2. Which term is related to the study of Earth's structure materials and processes?

Option: A. Psychological

Option: B. Geological

Option: C. Biological

Option: D. Sociological

3. What title is awarded to the winner of a major competition or series of competitions?

Option: A. Runner-up

Option: B. Participant

Option: C. Contender

Option: D. Championship

4. Which term relates to being efficient with resources and not wasteful?

Option: A. Luxurious

Option: B. Economical

Option: C. Extravagant

Option: D. Lavish

5. What is the term for the state of being able to see or be seen?

Option: A. Concealment

Option: B. Camouflage

Option: C. Invisibility

Option: D. Visibility

6. What word means to maintain or support for an extended period of time?

Option: A. Terminate

Option: B. Sustain

Option: C. Cease

Option: D. Halt

7. Which term best describes lacking strength or power?

Option: A. Robust

Option: B. Weak

Option: C. Mighty

Option: D. Vigorous

8. What term refers to a series of events that are regularly repeated in the same order?



- Option: A. Anomaly
- Option: B. Cycle
- Option: C. Aberration
- Option: D. Disruption

9. What is the term for choices or alternatives that are available to choose from?

- Option: A. Requirements
- Option: B. Obligations
- Option: C. Options
- Option: D. Restrictions

10. Which term refers to the act of searching for information or resources?

- Option: A. Isolation
- Option: B. Exploration
- Option: C. Stagnation
- Option: D. Retention

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

11. In order to succeed hard work and determination are \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Continuous improvement and innovation lead to overall \_\_\_\_\_ in various fields.
13. Climate change has a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on the environment and ecosystems.
14. A dam is built to create a large \_\_\_\_\_ of water for irrigation and drinking purposes.
15. During tough economic times many businesses may find themselves \_\_\_\_\_ to stay afloat.
16. The island was formed as a result of past \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
17. The mesmerizing \_\_\_\_\_ lights are often visible in polar regions.
18. The water \_\_\_\_\_ involves evaporation condensation and precipitation.
19. Businesses need to constantly innovate to stay ahead of their \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Technological advancements have a profound \_\_\_\_\_ on how society functions.



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

21. The Amazon rainforest is a unique that is home to a diverse range of species.
22. The orchestra delivered an outstanding at the grand concert.
23. Constructive can help individuals improve their skills and abilities.
24. Studying the of ancient civilizations provides insights into past societies.
25. The new car design introduced by the company serves as a futuristic for innovation.
26. The annual meteor shower is a spectacular sight in the night sky.
27. The old bridge was deemed structurally and in need of immediate repair.
28. The museum showcases artifacts that reflect the cultural of a particular region.
29. It is important to offer constructive feedback rather than simply others without merit.
30. Scientific in the field of medicine have led to significant advancements in healthcare.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Layoff 2. B. Geological 3. D. Championship 4. B. Economical 5. D. Visibility 6. B. Sustain 7. B. Weak 8. B. Cycle 9. C. Options 10. B. Exploration

**Gap-Fill:** 11. necessary 12. progress 13. impact 14. reservoir 15. struggling 16. volcanic 17. Aurora 18. cycle 19. competitors 20. impact

**Matching sentence:** 1. Habitat 2. Performance 3. Criticism 4. History 5. Model 6. Perseid 7. Weak 8. History 9. Criticize 10. Progress

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