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# Spirit Airlines Halts Operations Amid Rising Jet Fuel Costs

## Description

Spirit Airlines is shutting down, which will impact thousands of flights and employees. The budget airline has cancelled all flights and announced an immediate shut down of operations.

In a statement, Spirit informed customers that flights have been cancelled and customer service is no longer available. The airline expressed pride in its low-cost model and had hoped to continue serving passengers for many years.

Spirit has struggled financially since the Covid-19 pandemic and was trying to recover from its second bankruptcy. This plan was interrupted by rising jet fuel costs due to conflicts in the Middle East. The airline said that increasing oil prices and other business pressures made its financial situation difficult. Without more funding, Spirit had to begin shutting down.

Last month, Spirit had asked the White House for financial help. Although there was initial support, talks broke down, leading to the shutdown announcement. Spirit's President, Dave Davis, expressed disappointment at the outcome.

Although no flights were in the air when the closure took effect, many passengers are affected. Spirit will process refunds for directly purchased tickets, but those who booked through agents must request refunds from them. Passengers will not be reimbursed for extra costs due to cancellations.

The Transportation Secretary has advised ticket buyers to seek refunds through their credit cards and announced measures to help Spirit's passengers find new flights. Major airlines, like American and JetBlue, are offering discounted fares for those needing rebooked flights and job opportunities for Spirit's employees.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **impact** //ˈɪm.pækt// (noun): a strong effect on something or someone
2. **budget** //ˈbʌdʒ.ɪt// (adjective): made to cost very little money
3. **cancelled** //ˈkæŋ.səld// (verb): stopped and will not happen as planned
4. **bankruptcy** //ˈbæŋ.krəp.si// (noun): when a company cannot pay its debts
5. **funding** //ˈfʌŋ.dɪŋ// (noun): money given to pay for something
6. **reimbursed** //ˌriː.ɪmˈbɜːst// (verb): given back money for costs someone paid

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What has Spirit Airlines announced?
  - Option: Expansion of services
  - Option: Shutting down operations
  - Option: Opening new routes
  - Option: Increasing flight frequencies
  
2. Who is the President of Spirit Airlines?
  - Option: Dave Davis
  - Option: John Doe
  - Option: Michael Smith
  - Option: Jane Johnson
  
3. What financial struggles has Spirit Airlines faced?
  - Option: Losing market share
  - Option: Rising jet fuel costs
  - Option: Increased customer demand
  - Option: Successful recovery from bankruptcy
  
4. What did Spirit ask the White House for?
  - Option: Regulatory changes
  - Option: Financial help
  - Option: Reduction in taxes
  - Option: Increased subsidies for airlines
  
5. Which airlines are offering discounted fares for Spirit's passengers?
  - Option: Delta and United
  - Option: American and JetBlue
  - Option: Southwest and Frontier
  - Option: Alaska and Horizon
  
6. What is no longer available for Spirit's customers?
  - Option: Online ticket purchases
  - Option: Loyalty points
  - Option: Customer service
  - Option: Baggage handling



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### True-False

7. Spirit Airlines has been financially stable since the Covid-19 pandemic.
8. Passengers can request refunds from Spirit for extra costs due to cancellations.
9. Spirit Airlines expressed pride in its low-cost model.
10. The Transportation Secretary advised customers to seek refunds through cash payments.
11. Spirit Airlines cancelled all flights prior to shutting down operations.
12. Spirit is offering new job opportunities to its current employees.

### Gap-Fill

13. Spirit Airlines has cancelled all flights and announced an immediate shut down of operations on \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. The airline has struggled financially since the \_\_\_\_\_ pandemic.
15. Without more funding, Spirit had to begin \_\_\_\_\_ down.
16. Although there was initial support, talks broke \_\_\_\_\_ , leading to the shutdown announcement.
17. Passengers will not be reimbursed for extra costs due to \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. Many passengers are affected, but no flights were in the air when the \_\_\_\_\_ took effect.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Shutting down operations 2. Dave Davis 3. Rising jet fuel costs 4. Financial help 5. American and JetBlue 6. Customer service

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. October 2023



14. Covid-19 15. shutting 16. down 17. cancellations 18. closure

## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What term refers to the general increase in prices and fall in the purchasing value of money?

- Option: Deflation
- Option: Inflation
- Option: Recession
- Option: Stagnation

2. In economics, what does the term 'core' typically refer to?

- Option: Core Curriculum
- Option: Core Inflation
- Option: Core Competencies
- Option: Core Values

3. What does 'affordability' most closely relate to?

- Option: High Income
- Option: Purchasing Power
- Option: Wealth Distribution
- Option: Economic Growth

4. Which of the following is a synonym for 'surpass'?

- Option: Fail
- Option: Exceed
- Option: Meet
- Option: Drop

5. What does the word 'exert' mean?

- Option: To decrease
- Option: To apply
- Option: To neglect
- Option: To escape

6. What term is used to describe payments made to workers for their labor?



- Option: Wages
- Option: Investments
- Option: Tax
- Option: Savings

7. What legal status is declared when an individual or organization can't repay their outstanding debts?

- Option: Insolvency
- Option: Foreclosure
- Option: Bankruptcy
- Option: Liquidation

8. What term is used for the money provided for a particular purpose?

- Option: Sponsorship
- Option: Investment
- Option: Funding
- Option: Donation

9. What does 'renovation' typically refer to?

- Option: Destruction
- Option: Restoration
- Option: New Construction
- Option: Financial Investment

10. What does it mean to 'invest'?

- Option: To spend money for profit
- Option: To save money
- Option: To borrow money
- Option: To lend money

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

- 11. The media has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion.
- 12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of voters supported the new policy in the election.
- 13. The \_\_\_\_\_ gathered for the international summit to discuss peace.
- 14. The \_\_\_\_\_ were crucial to achieving a consensus among the parties.
- 15. The company is \_\_\_\_\_ a new promotion for its customers.



16. The policy was criticized for \_\_\_\_\_ certain communities.
17. Employees will be \_\_\_\_\_ for any expenses incurred during the trip.
18. The new law aims to have a positive \_\_\_\_\_ on the environment.
19. The event was \_\_\_\_\_ due to unforeseen circumstances.
20. The department needs to stick to its \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid overspending.

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

21. Every year, the town celebrates a festival that is part of its long-standing tradition.
22. The rising cost of living has become a significant issue of concern for many families.
23. A mediator played a vital role in facilitating the discussion between the two parties.
24. The company's expanding operations have led to increased job opportunities in the area.
25. The CEO met with her counterpart in Europe to discuss the merger.
26. Smart investors know how to manage their portfolios effectively to maximize returns.
27. Employees expect to benefit from the new health care plan introduced by the company.
28. The project faced criticism for not meeting the environmental standards.
29. The impact of climate change is becoming increasingly evident across the globe.
30. The affordability of housing has become a crucial topic in urban development discussions.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Inflation 2. Core Inflation 3. Purchasing Power 4. Exceed 5. To apply 6. Wages 7. Bankruptcy 8. Funding 9. Restoration 10. To spend money for profit

**Gap-Fill:** 11. influence 12. majority 13. diplomats 14. negotiations 15. offering 16. isolating 17. reimbursed 18. impact 19. canceled 20. budget

**Matching sentence:** 1. tradition 2. of concern 3. mediator 4. expanding 5. counterpart 6. invest 7. benefit 8. criticism 9. impact 10. affordability



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