



Stock Market Live Updates: Today's Key Movements

Description

Stocks dropped on Friday as traders reacted to the ongoing conflict in Iran. This continues a trend of losses for the major indices, which are on track for another negative week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 257 points, a decline of 0.6%. The S&P 500 recorded a loss of 0.8%, while the Nasdaq Composite decreased by 1.2%.

These declines came after Iran and Israel exchanged strikes, with Iran targeting energy sites in the Persian Gulf. Reports indicate that the Pentagon is sending thousands of additional Marines to the Middle East. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield warned that if this conflict escalates, markets may experience sustained high oil and gas prices, and further declines could occur.

President Donald Trump also voiced criticism of NATO, referring to it as a "paper tiger." He connected high oil prices to NATO's actions, claiming they need to support military movements in the region.

Despite the market's drop, crude oil prices remained stable for the day. However, both West Texas Intermediate and Brent crude have risen over 40% since the conflict began. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that Israel is aiding the U.S. in operations to secure the Strait of Hormuz.

The stock market may see further volatility due to the "quadruple witching" phenomenon, which involves the expiration of various stock options and futures. Additionally, concerns about rising inflation and the potential halt of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve contributed to the market's decline. If this trend continues, investors may face significant uncertainties ahead.

Vocabulary List:

1. **indices** //ˈɪn.dɪ.siːz// (noun): numbers that show how a market performs
2. **escalates** //ˈɛs.kə.leɪts// (verb): becomes more serious or dangerous than before
3. **sustained** //səˈsteɪnd// (adjective): continuing for a long time without stopping
4. **quadruple** //kwəˈdrʌpəl// (adjective): made of four parts or happening four times
5. **volatility** //ˌvɒl.əˈtɪl.ə.ti// (noun): quick or large changes in prices or value
6. **inflation** //ɪnˈfleɪʃən// (noun): when prices for things rise across the economy

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage decline of the Dow Jones Industrial Average on Friday?
Option: 0.4%
Option: 0.5%
Option: 0.6%
Option: 0.7%
2. Which index recorded a loss of 1.2%?
Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
Option: S&P 500
Option: Nasdaq Composite
Option: FTSE 100
3. Who warned that markets may experience sustained high oil and gas prices if the conflict escalates?
Option: Ben Bernanke
Option: Ross Mayfield
Option: Donald Trump
Option: Benjamin Netanyahu
4. What term did President Donald Trump use to describe NATO?
Option: Strong ally
Option: Paper tiger
Option: Military giant
Option: Bureaucratic entity
5. What phenomenon could lead to further volatility in the stock market?
Option: Earnings reports
Option: Quadruple witching
Option: Market corrections
Option: Global recessions
6. How much have West Texas Intermediate and Brent crude risen since the conflict began?
Option: 20%
Option: 30%
Option: 40%
Option: 50%



True-False

7. The S&P 500 recorded a loss of 0.5%.
8. The Pentagon is sending thousands of additional Marines to the Middle East.
9. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that Israel is not aiding the U.S.
10. Crude oil prices remained stable despite the market's drop.
11. President Trump did not connect high oil prices to NATO's actions.
12. Concerns about rising inflation contributed to the market's decline.

Gap-Fill

13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 257 points, a decline of _____ points.
14. The Nasdaq Composite decreased by _____ %.
15. Reports indicate that the Pentagon is sending thousands of additional _____ to the Middle East.
16. Both West Texas Intermediate and Brent crude have risen over _____ since the conflict began.
17. The stock market may see further volatility due to _____ witching.
18. If this trend continues, investors may face significant _____ ahead.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.6% 2. Nasdaq Composite 3. Ross Mayfield 4. Paper tiger 5. Quadruple witching 6. 40%

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 257 14. 1.2 15. Marines 16. 40% 17. quadruple 18. uncertainties



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What organization manages government revenue and expenditure?
Option: Federal Reserve
Option: Treasury
Option: Central Bank
Option: Finance Ministry
2. What term describes the degree of variation of a trading price series over time?
Option: Stability
Option: Volatility
Option: Predictability
Option: Consistency
3. What term is used when a borrower revises their payment schedule for repaying debt?
Option: Rebuild
Option: Refinance
Option: Restructure
Option: Reborrow
4. Which concept refers to meeting the needs of the present without compromising future generations?
Option: Sustainability
Option: Scalability
Option: Profitability
Option: Efficiency
5. What event is a public sale where goods or property are sold to the highest bidder?
Option: Fair
Option: Auction
Option: Market
Option: Bazaar
6. What term refers to a statistical measure of changes in a representative group of individual data points?
Option: Indices
Option: Trends
Option: Data sets
Option: Averages
7. What economic term describes the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services is



rising?

- Option: Deflation
- Option: Stagnation
- Option: Inflation
- Option: Depreciation

8. What shape is described as having a circular cross-section and extending in a straight line?

- Option: Cubical
- Option: Spherical
- Option: Cylindrical
- Option: Elliptical

9. Which term describes processes that are capable of renewal or restoration?

- Option: Regenerative
- Option: Degenerative
- Option: Destructive
- Option: Transient

10. What term refers to activities intended for profit or business purposes?

- Option: Locally
- Option: Residentially
- Option: Commercially
- Option: Socially

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

11. Technological advancements can significantly _____ the capabilities of existing systems.

12. If the conflict _____, it could lead to significant economic repercussions.

13. The project requires _____ efforts to be successful over the long term.

14. The company aims to _____ its production within the next three years.

15. The engine's _____ is essential for determining its overall performance.

16. _____ are a groundbreaking development in regenerative medicine.



17. The process of _____ organs has advanced significantly over the past decade.
18. The device was successfully _____ in the patient's chest and is functioning well.
19. The approval for the project is _____ upon meeting safety standards.
20. The doctor noted the _____ of the disease and recommended further treatment.

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

21. The Treasury is responsible for managing the government's financial resources.
22. Volatility in the stock market can lead to significant investment risk.
23. To refinance a loan means replacing an existing loan with a new one under different terms.
24. Sustainability practices focus on reducing our ecological footprint.
25. An auction allows participants to compete to purchase assets.
26. Indices are used to gauge market performance and economic health.
27. Inflation affects purchasing power and is a key economic indicator.
28. Cylindrical shapes are often used in engineering due to their strength.
29. Regenerative technologies aim to restore and replenish natural resources.
30. Products that are developed commercially are aimed at generating profit.

Answer

- Multiple Choice:** 1. Treasury 2. Volatility 3. Refinance 4. Sustainability 5. Auction 6. Indices 7. Inflation 8. Cylindrical 9. Regenerative 10. Commercially
- Gap-Fill:** 11. enhance 12. escalates 13. sustained 14. quadruple 15. torque 16. Induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells 17. transplanting 18. implanted 19. conditional 20. progression
- Matching sentence:** 1. Treasury 2. volatility 3. refinance 4. sustainability 5. auction 6. indices 7. inflation 8. cylindrical 9. regenerative 10. commercially

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