



Stock Market Update: March 3, 2026

Description

Stocks fell sharply in New York on Tuesday. Concerns about a conflict between the U.S. and Iran worried investors. President Donald Trump made comments that helped ease some fears.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 403.51 points. It closed at 48,501.27. The S&P 500 index dropped 0.94% to finish at 6,816.63. The Nasdaq Composite fell 1.02%, closing at 22,516.69. At one point, the Dow was down by more than 1,200 points.

Trump announced that the U.S. Navy would protect ships in the Strait of Hormuz if needed. He stated that the U.S. would ensure energy supplies to the world. The price of Brent crude oil rose by 4.71%. This follows a 6% increase the day before.

The conflict has five days left. The U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia was attacked, and drone strikes increased. Markets could stay unstable if the situation continues. Offices in Bahrain, Iraq, and Jordan began evacuations due to safety concerns. All S&P 500 sectors dropped, with significant losses in materials and industrials.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Stocks** /stɒks/ (noun): Shares that represent ownership in a company.
2. **Fell** /fɛl/ (verb): Dropped down or decreased in amount.
3. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːnz/ (noun): Worries or worries about something.
4. **Conflict** /'kɒn.flɪkt/ (noun): A serious disagreement or struggle.
5. **Worried** /'wɜːrɪd/ (adjective): Feeling anxious or fearful about something.
6. **Investors** /ɪn'vestəz/ (noun): People who put money into something to earn more.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the closing value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average?

Option: 48,501.27

Option: 50,000.00



Option: 45,000.00

Option: 49,300.50

2. By how many points did the Dow Jones Industrial Average lose?

Option: 403.51

Option: 500.00

Option: 450.75

Option: 600.25

3. What percentage did the S&P 500 index drop?

Option: 0.94%

Option: 1.02%

Option: 1.50%

Option: 0.50%

4. What action did Trump say the U.S. Navy would take?

Option: Protect ships in the Strait of Hormuz

Option: Launch airstrikes in Iran

Option: Increase oil production

Option: Evacuate civilians

5. What was the price increase of Brent crude oil?

Option: 4.71%

Option: 6%

Option: 3.5%

Option: 5%

6. Which sector did not report significant losses?

Option: Materials

Option: Industrials

Option: Technology

Option: All sectors reported losses

True-False

7. The Nasdaq Composite closed at 22,516.69.

8. The Dow was down by more than 1,000 points at one point.



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9. All S&P 500 sectors increased in value during the market session.
 10. Trump stated the U.S. would not ensure energy supplies to the world.
 11. The U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia was attacked.
 12. The conflict between the U.S. and Iran has been resolved.

Gap-Fill

13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at _____ points.
14. Trump announced that the U.S. Navy would protect ships in the _____ if needed.
15. The price of Brent crude oil rose by _____ %.
16. The conflict has _____ days left.
17. All S&P 500 sectors dropped, with significant losses in _____ and industrials.
18. Offices in Bahrain, Iraq, and _____ began evacuations due to safety concerns.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 48,501.27 2. 403.51 3. 0.94% 4. Protect ships in the Strait of Hormuz 5. 4.71% 6. All sectors reported losses

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 48,501.27 14. Strait of Hormuz 15. 4.71 16. five 17. materials 18. Jordan

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What does it mean to charge an electric vehicle?



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- Option: To provide energy
Option: To repair a part
Option: To clean the interior
Option: To resell the product
2. Who is responsible for making major corporate decisions?
- Option: Chief Financial Officer
Option: Chief Executive Officer
Option: Chief Operations Officer
Option: Chief Marketing Officer
3. What type of investment are Treasuries?
- Option: Stocks
Option: Bonds
Option: Commodities
Option: Options
4. What typically causes prices to rise over time?
- Option: Deflation
Option: Stagnation
Option: Inflation
Option: Recession
5. What are typical paths taken by airlines called?
- Option: Locations
Option: Destinations
Option: Routes
Option: Terminals
6. What is often provided to improve services or products?
- Option: Criticism
Option: Praise
Option: Feedback
Option: Neglect
7. Who provides capital to businesses in exchange for financial returns?
- Option: Consumers
Option: Developers
Option: Investors
Option: Managers
8. What is crucial for running multiple industries?
- Option: Energy sources



- Option: Energy supply
- Option: Energy demand
- Option: Energy efficiency

9. What do companies offer to raise capital from investors?

- Option: Bonds
- Option: Stocks
- Option: Loans
- Option: Dividends

10. What often arises between differing interests?

- Option: Harmony
- Option: Union
- Option: Conflict
- Option: Agreement

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

11. Electric vehicles can be charged at dedicated charging _____.

12. The software has been released in a newer _____.

13. Customers need to make _____ for their travel plans.

14. The company's annual _____ has increased significantly.

15. Airlines are concerned about the rising cost of _____.

16. Travel _____ have soared during the holiday season.

17. Stock prices _____ due to investor panic.

18. The government issued a statement addressing public _____ about the economy.

19. Many people are _____ about rising inflation rates.

20. The director requested _____ from the team about the new project.

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

21. Multiple companies strive to compete in the global market.



22. The new electric vehicle features a state-of-the-art motor for better performance.
23. Treasuries are considered a safe investment for conservative investors.
24. Government bonds typically offer low yields compared to corporate bonds.
25. The bond markets react strongly to changes in interest rates.
26. Oil is commonly measured in terms of price per barrel.
27. The new policy will be implemented companywide to ensure consistency.
28. The president of the company announced a new strategic plan.
29. She is a cofounder of the startup that has gained significant traction in recent months.
30. Airlines are constantly evaluating their routes to optimize efficiency.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. To provide energy 2. Chief Executive Officer 3. Bonds 4. Inflation 5. Routes 6. Feedback 7. Investors 8. Energy supply 9. Stocks 10. Conflict

Gap-Fill: 11. stations 12. version 13. reservations 14. revenue 15. jet fuel 16. bookings 17. fell 18. concerns 19. worried 20. comments

Matching sentence: 1. compete 2. motor 3. Treasuries 4. yields 5. bond markets 6. barrel 7. companywide 8. president 9. cofounder 10. routes

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