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## Stock Market Updates: Today's Live Reports

### Description

Stocks rose on Friday after the Supreme Court ruled against President Donald Trump's tariffs. This decision positively impacted retailers and other companies that faced increased costs last year due to these tariffs.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased by 170.51 points, or 0.3%, recovering from an earlier drop of 200 points caused by poor economic data. The S&P 500 also rose 0.3%, and the Nasdaq Composite climbed by 0.5%.

The Supreme Court's ruling overturned most of Trump's extensive tariff policy, stating that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act does not give the President the authority to impose such tariffs. However, the decision did not clarify whether tariffs already paid need to be refunded.

Following the ruling, shares of companies like Nike and Deckers Outdoors jumped by 2%. Other retailers, including Home Depot and Five Below, saw their stock prices rise, and Caterpillar recovered from earlier losses.

However, traders received disappointing news about the US economy. Gross domestic product (GDP) grew by only 1.4% in the fourth quarter, much lower than the expected 2.5%. The Commerce Department attributed this slowdown to a record government shutdown in the fourth quarter, which impacted growth.

Additionally, a report showed that inflation remained steady in December, with the core personal consumption expenditures price index at 3%, above the Federal Reserve's target of 2%. The market overall faced pressure from alternative asset managers, particularly due to concerns over losses linked to private credit in the software sector.

As a result, the Dow is currently on track for a 0.1% gain, while the S&P 500 is up 0.7%. The Nasdaq is set to end its five-week losing streak, with an increase of more than 1%.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Tariffs** /'tær.ɪfs/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
2. **Ruling** /'ruː.lɪŋ/ (noun): An official decision made by a judge or court.
3. **Inflation** /ɪn'fleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services rises.
4. **Economic** /,iː.kə'nɒm.ɪk/ (adjective): Related to the economy or financial matters.
5. **Growth** /grɒθ/ (noun): The process of increasing in size amount or importance.
6. **Recovery** /rɪ'kʌv.ər.i/ (noun): The process of returning to a normal state after a period of difficulty.



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## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What did the Supreme Court ruling impact?

- Option: Interest rates
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Federal spending
- Option: Stock buybacks

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

- Option: 150.25
- Option: 170.51
- Option: 200.75
- Option: 180.30

3. Which index climbed by 0.5%?

- Option: S&P 500
- Option: Dow Jones
- Option: Nasdaq Composite
- Option: FTSE 100

4. What percentage growth was expected for the GDP in the fourth quarter?

- Option: 1.0%
- Option: 1.4%
- Option: 2.5%
- Option: 3.0%

5. Which company's shares jumped by 2% following the ruling?

- Option: Target
- Option: Nike
- Option: Walmart
- Option: Amazon

6. What was the core personal consumption expenditures price index in December?

- Option: 2%



- Option: 2.5%
- Option: 3%
- Option: 4%

### True-False

- 7. The Supreme Court's ruling clarified whether tariffs already paid need to be refunded.
- 8. The S&P 500 rose by 0.3%.
- 9. The Nasdaq is set to continue its five-week losing streak.
- 10. The GDP grew by 1.4% in the fourth quarter.
- 11. Inflation in December remained high at 4%.
- 12. The Federal Reserve's target for inflation is 3%.

### Gap-Fill

- 13. The Dow Jones Industrial Average increased by \_\_\_\_\_ points on Friday.
- 14. The core personal consumption expenditures price index was at \_\_\_\_\_ in December.
- 15. The GDP growth rate was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fourth quarter.
- 16. Retailers were impacted by \_\_\_\_\_ costs due to tariffs.
- 17. Caterpillar recovered from earlier \_\_\_\_\_ after the Supreme Court ruling.
- 18. The Nasdaq is set to end its \_\_\_\_\_ losing streak.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Tariffs 2. 170.51 3. Nasdaq Composite 4. 2.5% 5. Nike 6. 3%

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 170.51 14. 3% 15. 1.4% 16. increased 17. losses 18. five-week



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## Vocabulary quizzes

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

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

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

2. What are taxes imposed on imported goods called?

- Option: Duties
- Option: Subsidies
- Option: Tariffs
- Option: Levies

3. What are official rules that control how a business can operate?

- Option: Guidelines
- Option: Regulations
- Option: Policies
- Option: Standards

4. What is the term for an economic rebound after a recession?

- Option: Depression
- Option: Recovery
- Option: Recession
- Option: Stagnation

5. Which word describes a public dispute or disagreement?

- Option: Consensus
- Option: Controversy
- Option: Agreement
- Option: Dispute

6. What term is used for false or misleading information spread regardless of intent?

- Option: Disinformation
- Option: Misinformation
- Option: Fiction
- Option: Rumor

7. What is the monitoring of behavior and activities referred to as?



- Option: Observation
- Option: Surveillance
- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Inspection

8. What term describes the act of traveling through an unfamiliar area to learn about it?

- Option: Investigation
- Option: Exploration
- Option: Discovery
- Option: Survey

9. What is the process of combining one thing with another known as?

- Option: Separation
- Option: Integration
- Option: Collaboration
- Option: Segregation

10. Which term refers to an increase in the market value of goods and services?

- Option: Decline
- Option: Recession
- Option: Growth
- Option: Stagnation

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

11. After several years of turmoil the nation is finally witnessing \_\_\_\_\_ stability.
12. The project is under intense \_\_\_\_\_ from regulatory bodies.
13. The company faced serious \_\_\_\_\_ regarding its accounting practices.
14. The stock market showed signs of \_\_\_\_\_ due to irregular trading activities.
15. Witness \_\_\_\_\_ revealed critical information during the trial.
16. Some social media platforms have been criticized for offering \_\_\_\_\_ content that encourages users to stay longer.
17. The investigation revealed a coordinated \_\_\_\_\_ of facts about the incident.



18. The new policy faced widespread \_\_\_\_\_ from various stakeholders.
19. She became a \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the fight for environmental justice.
20. The organization is committed to providing \_\_\_\_\_ for educational outreach programs.

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

21. Regulation helps ensure that businesses operate fairly and ethically.
22. Community engagement is essential for understanding local issues.
23. The integration of technology in education has transformed traditional learning methods.
24. Exploration of new markets is critical for business expansion.
25. High inflation rates can erode purchasing power for consumers.
26. The proposed law sparked controversy among various political groups.
27. Misinformation can spread quickly especially on social media platforms.
28. Surveillance technology has raised concerns about privacy and civil liberties.
29. Neglecting routine maintenance can lead to costly repairs down the line.
30. Tariffs can significantly affect international trade relationships.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Inflation 2. Tariffs 3. Regulations 4. Recovery 5. Controversy 6. Misinformation  
7. Surveillance 8. Exploration 9. Integration 10. Growth

**Gap-Fill:** 11. economic 12. scrutiny 13. allegations 14. manipulation 15. testimony 16. addictive 17. cover-up  
18. criticism 19. prominent 20. resources

**Matching sentence:** 1. regulation 2. engagement 3. integration 4. exploration 5. inflation 6. controversy  
7. misinformation 8. surveillance 9. neglecting 10. tariffs

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