



Stock Markets: Today's Live Updates

Description

Stocks rose on Tuesday in New York, following a robust trading session despite the collapse of peace talks between the U.S. and Iran. Investors remained hopeful that a deal could still be reached.

The S&P 500 index climbed 1.1%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average increased by 301 points, or 0.6%. The Nasdaq Composite saw the largest gain, up by 1.8%. Technology stocks continued to drive the market higher. Notably, Oracle increased by 5%, adding to a more than 12% surge from the previous day. Other tech giants like Nvidia and Palantir Technologies also reported strong gains.

Wall Street's performance showed resilience amid rising geopolitical tensions. Despite the failed U.S.-Iran negotiations over the weekend, major stock indices started the week on a positive note. President Donald Trump mentioned that the Iranian side is eager to make a deal, indicating potential for renewed discussions.

Monday's gains reversed previous losses in the S&P 500 caused by the onset of conflict with Iran. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield expressed cautious optimism, suggesting that while further market declines due to Iran are possible, they are unlikely.

Crude oil prices fell, with West Texas Intermediate dropping 5% to above \$93 a barrel, and Brent crude down 3% above \$95. The lower-than-expected rise in the producer price index for March also contributed to more positive market sentiment. However, some companies faced setbacks, as Wells Fargo's disappointing earnings led to a more than 5% drop in its stock. In contrast, JPMorgan Chase reported better-than-expected results, but reduced its revenue forecast, leading to a slight decline in its stock.

Vocabulary List:

1. **collapse** //kə'ləps// (noun): sudden failure or end of something
2. **resilience** //rɪ'zɪliəns// (noun): ability to get better after problems
3. **negotiations** //nə,gəʊʃi'eɪʃənz// (noun): talks to reach an official agreement
4. **surge** //sɜːdʒ// (noun): a quick large rise or increase
5. **sentiment** //'sentəmənt// (noun): general feeling or opinion about something
6. **forecast** //'fɔːrkæst// (noun): prediction of what will happen next

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage increase of the S&P 500 index on Tuesday?
Option: 1.1%
Option: 0.6%
Option: 1.8%
Option: 5%
2. Which stock saw the largest gain on the day?
Option: Oracle
Option: Nvidia
Option: Palantir Technologies
Option: Dow Jones Industrial Average
3. What was President Donald Trump's indication regarding the U.S.-Iran negotiations?
Option: The negotiations were successful
Option: The Iranian side is eager to make a deal
Option: The U.S. will withdraw from discussions
Option: Future negotiations are unlikely
4. Which company's disappointing earnings led to a drop in its stock?
Option: JPMorgan Chase
Option: Nvidia
Option: Wells Fargo
Option: Oracle
5. What was the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil after falling by 5%?
Option: Above \$93 a barrel
Option: Above \$95 a barrel
Option: Below \$90 a barrel
Option: Around \$100 a barrel
6. How much did the Dow Jones Industrial Average increase on Tuesday?
Option: 301 points
Option: 200 points
Option: 400 points
Option: 100 points



True-False

7. The Nasdaq Composite saw a gain of 0.6%.
8. Crude oil prices rose on Tuesday.
9. Oracle's stock increased by 5% on the mentioned Tuesday.
10. Investment strategist Ross Mayfield showed no optimism regarding further market declines.
11. President Donald Trump stated that the Iranian side is eager to make a deal.
12. The S&P 500 index lost value due to the onset of conflict with Iran prior to Tuesday.

Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 index climbed by _____ on Tuesday.
14. Wells Fargo's disappointing earnings led to a more than _____ drop in its stock.
15. Crude oil prices for Brent crude fell by _____ on Tuesday.
16. Oracle's stock added to a more than _____ surge from the previous day.
17. Despite the failed negotiations, major stock indices started the week on a _____ note.
18. The lower-than-expected rise in the producer price index for March contributed to more _____ market sentiment.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 1.1% 2. Oracle 3. The Iranian side is eager to make a deal 4. Wells Fargo 5. Above \$93 a barrel 6. 301 points

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

Gap-Fill: 13. 1.1% 14. 5% 15. 3% 16. 12% 17. positive



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What does the term 'valuation' refer to?
 - Option: The process of estimating the worth of something
 - Option: The action of creating a budget
 - Option: The method of increasing production
 - Option: The act of marketing goods

2. What is inflation commonly defined as?
 - Option: A decrease in prices
 - Option: A rise in the overall level of prices
 - Option: A stable pricing environment
 - Option: A reduction in the cost of living

3. What does implementing refer to?
 - Option: Creating a new strategy
 - Option: The process of putting a plan into action
 - Option: Evaluating a current system
 - Option: Planning for future projects

4. What does resilience describe?
 - Option: The ability to recover quickly from difficulties
 - Option: A state of constant growth
 - Option: The process of accumulating wealth
 - Option: An increase in vulnerability

5. What does it mean to mitigate?
 - Option: To worsen a situation
 - Option: To make something less severe
 - Option: To ignore an issue
 - Option: To complicate matters

6. What do shortages refer to?
 - Option: Excess of goods or resources
 - Option: A lack of sufficient quantity
 - Option: An abundance of supplies
 - Option: A normal supply chain

7. What is a backlash?



- Option: Support from the community
- Option: A strong adverse reaction
- Option: A positive response
- Option: A silent agreement

8. What does proximity refer to?

- Option: The quality of being near something
- Option: The act of distancing oneself
- Option: A state of being isolated
- Option: The process of expansion

9. What does it mean to experience a surge?

- Option: A steady decline
- Option: A sudden increase
- Option: A complete halt
- Option: A predictable pattern

10. What does it mean when prices have skyrocketed?

- Option: Prices have stabilized
- Option: Prices have decreased
- Option: Prices have rapidly increased
- Option: Prices remain unchanged

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

11. The costs of raw materials have been _____ in recent months.
12. The latest COVID-19 _____ has caused new health regulations to be implemented.
13. Many companies are moving to a digital _____ to improve their services.
14. The financial market faced a significant _____ during the economic downturn.
15. It is essential to _____ energy to combat climate change effectively.
16. Public _____ regarding the new policy changes has been mixed.
17. The two parties have begun _____ to settle the dispute amicably.
18. The speaker's message seemed to _____ with the audience's values.



19. According to the latest _____, the economy is likely to improve.
20. There has been a noticeable _____ in sales over the past quarter.

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

21. The firefighters made a valiant effort to rescue those trapped in the burning building.
22. The new smartphone features an innovative design that sets it apart from its competitors.
23. The film received a thorough critique from a well-known critic.
24. We can anticipate higher traffic on the roads during the holiday season.
25. The new law acted as a catalyst for change in the industry.
26. She was able to articulate her thoughts clearly during the debate.
27. His decision was pivotal in determining the outcome of the project.
28. He took a moment to contemplate his next move in the game.
29. The team worked diligently to meet the project deadline.
30. Her meticulous attention to detail ensured the report was flawless.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. The process of estimating the worth of something 2. A rise in the overall level of prices 3. The process of putting a plan into action 4. The ability to recover quickly from difficulties 5. To make something less severe 6. A lack of sufficient quantity 7. A strong adverse reaction 8. The quality of being near something 9. A sudden increase 10. Prices have rapidly increased

Gap-Fill: 11. soaring 12. variant 13. platform 14. collapse 15. conserve 16. sentiment 17. negotiations 18. resonate 19. forecast 20. decline

Matching sentence: 1. valiant 2. innovative 3. critique 4. anticipate 5. catalyst 6. articulate 7. pivotal 8. contemplate 9. diligent 10. meticulous

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