



US Stocks Rise Amid AI and Economic Concerns

Description

The US stock market had a quiet end on Tuesday. However, there were big changes under the surface. Companies talked about how unhappy their customers feel. Some technology stocks continued to drop after the excitement over artificial intelligence (AI).

The S&P 500 rose by 0.1%. Earlier, it changed from a gain of 0.5% to a loss of nearly 1%. The Dow Jones added 32 points, and the Nasdaq composite gained 0.1%. Paramount Skydance helped lead the market, rising by 4.9%. This happened after Warner Bros. Discovery said Paramount could make a final bid to buy them.

General Mills, the company behind Cheerios and Pillsbury, dropped by 7%. It warned that its customers are feeling worried. The company expects profits to be less than expected.

Many surveys show American households feel weak confidence. They struggle with high prices and a slow job market. Some companies, like Genuine Parts, are also reporting lower results and plan to split into two firms in 2027.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Composite** /kəm'pɒzɪt/ (noun): A thing made up of several parts or elements.
2. **Unhappy** /ʌn'hæpi/ (adjective): Not satisfied or pleased; feeling or showing discontent.
3. **Confidence** /'kɒnfɪdəns/ (noun): The feeling or belief that one can have faith in or rely on someone or something.
4. **Results** /rɪ'zʌltz/ (noun): The outcome or consequence of an action situation or event.
5. **Expect** /ɪk'spekt/ (verb): To regard something as likely to happen; to anticipate.
6. **Survey** /'sɜːrveɪ/ (noun): A general view examination or description of someone or something.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the change in the S&P 500 index on Tuesday?
Option: 0.1% increase
Option: 0.5% increase



Option: 1% decrease

Option: 0% change

2. What percentage did Paramount Skydance rise by?

Option: 2.1%

Option: 3.5%

Option: 4.9%

Option: 5.5%

3. Which company experienced a 7% drop in its stock price?

Option: General Mills

Option: Warner Bros. Discovery

Option: Paramount Skydance

Option: Genuine Parts

4. What is one reason American households feel weak confidence?

Option: High prices

Option: High salaries

Option: Strong job market

Option: Low interest rates

5. In which year does Genuine Parts plan to split into two firms?

Option: 2025

Option: 2026

Option: 2027

Option: 2028

6. Which index did not experience a gain?

Option: S&P 500

Option: Dow Jones

Option: Nasdaq

Option: None of the above

True-False

7. The Nasdaq composite gained 0.1% on Tuesday.

8. General Mills is known for its products like Cheerios and Pillsbury.



9. The stock market ended with significant volatility on Tuesday.
10. Paramount Skydance is attempting to sell its assets to Warner Bros. Discovery.
11. Many American households are currently experiencing high confidence levels.
12. Companies are reporting higher results despite the slow job market.

Gap-Fill

13. The S&P 500 changed from a gain of 0.5% to a loss of nearly _____.
14. General Mills warned that its customers are feeling _____.
15. Paramount Skydance rose by _____ after a bid from Warner Bros. Discovery.
16. Surveys show that American households struggle with high _____.
17. Genuine Parts plans to split into two firms in _____.
18. The Dow Jones added _____ points on Tuesday.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.1% increase 2. 4.9% 3. General Mills 4. High prices 5. 2027 6. None of the above
True-False: 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False
Gap-Fill: 13. 1% 14. worried 15. 4.9% 16. prices 17. 2027 18. 32

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What does increased consumer confidence typically lead to?
 - Option: Higher spending
 - Option: Decreased savings
 - Option: Lower investments
 - Option: Job cuts



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2. What is a common method to gather customer feedback?
 - Option: Interviews
 - Option: Surveys
 - Option: Focus groups
 - Option: All of the above
 3. Companies aim to increase what in order to achieve financial success?
 - Option: Revenue
 - Option: Profits
 - Option: Expenses
 - Option: Liabilities
 4. What does it mean when a business is said to struggle?
 - Option: It is thriving
 - Option: It is making losses
 - Option: It is expanding
 - Option: It is hiring more staff
 5. What do analysts express when they predict a downturn in the market?
 - Option: Excitement
 - Option: Concern
 - Option: Indifference
 - Option: Optimism
 6. Who typically makes strategic decisions in a company?
 - Option: Employees
 - Option: Interns
 - Option: Executive
 - Option: The janitor
 7. What is it called when someone expresses disapproval of a decision?
 - Option: Praising
 - Option: Advocating
 - Option: Criticizing
 - Option: Ignoring
 8. What is essential for forecasting market trends?
 - Option: Inaccuracy
 - Option: Speculation
 - Option: Accuracy
 - Option: Guesswork



9. What term describes a decrease in financial assets?

- Option: Profits
- Option: Revenues
- Option: Losses
- Option: Gains

10. What do retailers commonly offer to attract customers?

- Option: Higher prices
- Option: Discounts
- Option: Inflation
- Option: Surcharges

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

11. The company introduced new subscription _____ for its premium services.

12. Social media can significantly _____ consumer behavior and trends.

13. The CEO announced his _____ due to personal reasons.

14. The board addressed some _____ concerns regarding financial stability.

15. The podcast has gained thousands of _____ in just a few months.

16. The store is offering special _____ for loyal customers this weekend.

17. The increase in sales was _____ to improved marketing strategies.

18. Economic _____ is crucial for long-term business growth.

19. The online platform curates high-quality _____ for its users.

20. Many families _____ to make ends meet during economic downturns.

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

21. Many investors have expressed concern over the recent market fluctuations.

22. The executive team met to discuss the company's strategic direction for the upcoming year.



23. Consumer confidence has been rising as economic conditions improve.
24. The committee decided to reject the proposal due to budget constraints.
25. Criticizing the management's decisions is not acceptable in this organization.
26. A company's ability to maximize profits is essential for its sustainability.
27. The manager apologised for any inconvenience caused by the recent changes.
28. There were serious implications for the business after the data breach.
29. It is disappointing to see a decline in subscriber numbers this quarter.
30. The company reported significant losses over the last fiscal year.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Higher spending 2. All of the above 3. Profits 4. It is making losses 5. Concern 6. Executive 7. Criticizing 8. Accuracy 9. Losses 10. Discounts

Gap-Fill: 11. packages 12. influence 13. resignation 14. serious 15. subscribers 16. deals 17. attributed 18. stability 19. content 20. struggle

Matching sentence: 1. concern 2. executive 3. confidence 4. reject 5. criticizing 6. profits 7. apologised 8. serious 9. disappoint 10. losses

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