

Wall Street Dips from Record Highs: Stock Market Update

Description

U.S. stocks are stepping back from their highest point on Friday after two weeks of gains. The S&P 500 went down 0.4%, the Dow Jones fell 0.4%, and the Nasdaq dropped 0.6% near the end of trading.

The bond market stayed steady, affecting Wall Street. When worries rise, Treasury yields go up, and stock prices fall. But when concerns ease, like after good news on inflation, stocks go up.

Good earnings reports from big U.S. companies are also helping the stock market. Even with low stock prices, companies can still make big profits.

Texas Instruments and CSX saw drops even with good earnings. Novo Nordisk and NextEra Energy had gains because of positive news for their businesses.

Reports show weaker consumer sentiment and slower business growth, but housing sales are up. The Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates steady to help the economy.

Stocks in Europe and Asia had mixed results. Japan raised its interest rates, while Hong Kong and Shanghai saw gains in their markets.

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Vocabulary List:

- 1. Sentiment /'sɛntɪmənt/ (noun): A view or opinion that is expressed or felt.
- 2. **Earnings** /'srnɪnz/ (noun): Money obtained in return for labor or services.
- 3. **Steady** /'stɛdi/ (adjective): Firmly fixed supported or balanced; not shaking or moving.
- 4. Profits /'profits/ (noun): Financial gains received after expenses are paid.
- 5. Concerns /kən'sɜrnz/ (noun): Worries or anxieties about a situation.
- 6. Gains /geɪnz/ (noun): An increase in financial value or profit.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. What percentage did the S&P 500 go down by near the end of trading?

Option: 0.2% Option: 0.4% Option: 0.6% Option: 1.0%

2. Which market staying steady affected Wall Street?

Option: Bond market

Option: Commodities market Option: Foreign exchange market

Option: Real estate market

3. What contributes to stock prices falling when worries rise?

Option: Decline in GDP

Option: Rising Treasury yields

Option: Decrease in Federal Reserve interest rates

Option: Increase in consumer sentiment

4. Which companies had gains due to positive news for their businesses?

Option: Texas Instruments and CSX

Option: Novo Nordisk and NextEra Energy

Option: Apple and Microsoft Option: Amazon and Google

5. What is the Federal Reserve likely to do with interest rates to help the economy?

Option: Raise interest rates
Option: Lower interest rates

Option: Keep interest rates steady Option: Eliminate interest rates

6. Which regions saw mixed results in their stock markets?

Option: Europe and Africa

Option: Asia and South America
Option: North America and Australia

Option: Europe and Asia



True-False

- 7. The bond market fluctuations did not impact Wall Street.
- 8. Good earnings reports from big U.S. companies do not affect the stock market.
- 9. Housing sales are down according to reports.
- 10. Japan lowered its interest rates recently.
- 11. Novo Nordisk and NextEra Energy were among the companies that saw drops in their stock prices despite good earnings.
- 12. The Federal Reserve is considering raising interest rates to spur economic growth.

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Answer

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5. Keep interest rates steady 6. Europe and Asia

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False Gap-Fill: 14. low 15. up 16. economy 17. markets 18. earnings



Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What are commonly bought and sold in financial markets?

Option: Cryptocurrencies

Option: Stocks
Option: Bonds
Option: Real estate

2. What financial metric represents the company's profit?

Option: Revenue Option: Earnings Option: Expenses Option: Assets

3. What term is used to describe the overall feeling in the market towards investments?

Option: Earnings
Option: Performance
Option: Sentiment
Option: Shares

4. Who are individuals or entities that buy and sell financial instruments for short-term profits?

Option: Investors Option: Analysts Option: Traders

Option: Shareholders

5. What is the term for the positive increase in the value of an investment?

Option: Losses Option: Profits Option: Gains Option: Returns

6. Which term describes a price level where a downtrend can be expected to pause due to a concentration of demand?

Option: Resistance Option: Volatility Option: Support



Option: Momentum

7.	What are	anxieties o	or worries	related to a	particular	investment	or market	condition	called?
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Option: Optimism Option: Excitement Option: Concerns Option: Contentment

8. What term refers to favorable circumstances in the market that can lead to potential profits?

Option: Challenges Option: Obstacles Option: Opportunities Option: Disadvantages

9. What is the term for the decrease in the value of an asset market or economy?

Option: Appreciation Option: Increase 10. What are units of ownership in a company called?

Option: Funds
Option: Sha

Option: Shares Option: Assets Option: Collateral

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

11. Investors evaluate the	of a stock before making investment decisions.					
12. One of the primary goals of businesses is to maximize						
13 investors typical	ly manage large sums of money on behalf of clients.					
14. Analysts often provide a price	for a particular stock based on their research.					
15. Proper business	is important when meeting with clients.					
16. Investors may have	about the company's future growth potential.					
17. The CEO the con	npany's latest achievements during the annual meeting.					



18. The manager was caught the team for their	exceptional performance.				
19. Investors hope that their assets will in value	over time.				
20. The renowned economist was considered to be highly	in shaping economic				
policies.					
Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word f	from the vocabulary list.)				
21. Investors who are tend to carefully assess risks before making inves	tment decisions.				
22. The stock prices of the company have been due to strong quarterly earnings.					
23. An is a financial professional who examines investments and provides recommendations.					
24. The CEO engaged in a productive with shareholders during the annual meeting.					
25. Companies aim to generate consistent to satisfy shareholders and grow the business.					
26. Employees are expected to dress in formal business when attending client meetings.					
27. Wearing casual attire to a formal event is considered .					
28. The famous author was regarded as an figure in the literary world.					
29. The manager was spotted the team for their exceptional performance during the project.					
30. Technical analysis identifies levels of and resistance where price movements may pause or reverse.					

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Stocks 2. Earnings 3. Sentiment 4. Traders 5. Gains 6. Support 7. Concerns 8.

Opportunities 9. Decline 10. Shares

Gap-Fill: 11. performance 12. profit 13. Institutional 14. target 15. attire 16. concerns 17. flaunted 18.

praising 19. increase 20. influential

Matching sentence: 1. Cautious 2. Soaring 3. Analyst 4. Conversation 5. Profits 6. Attire 7. Inappropriate

8. Influential 9. Praising 10. Support

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