



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** /'sentɪmənt/ (noun): A view or opinion that is expressed or felt.
2. **Earnings** /'ɜːnɪŋz/ (noun): Money obtained in return for labor or services.
3. **Steady** /'stedi/ (adjective): Firmly fixed supported or balanced; not shaking or moving.
4. **Profits** /'prɒfɪts/ (noun): Financial gains received after expenses are paid.
5. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːnz/ (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.

Gap-Fill

14. Good earnings reports from big U.S. companies are helping the stock market even with _____ stock prices.
15. Reports indicate weaker consumer sentiment and slower business growth, but housing sales are _____.
16. The Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates steady to help the _____.
17. Japan raised its interest rates, while Hong Kong and Shanghai saw gains in their _____.
18. Texas Instruments and CSX saw drops even with good _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 0.4% 2. Bond market 3. Rising Treasury yields 4. Novo Nordisk and NextEra Energy 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 or worries related to a particular investment or market condition called?

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

Option: Rise

Option: Decline

10. What are units of ownership in a company called?

Option: Funds

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 typically 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 company'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 from the vocabulary list.)

21. Investors who are tend to carefully assess risks before making investment 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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