

## Walmart's \$3.6 Billion Sale Sparks China Tech Slump

### **Description**

Walmart sold its stake in a Chinese e-commerce company, JD.com, for about \$3.6 billion. They had been partners for eight years. The Chinese tech market is tough now, so Walmart decided to focus on its own online businesses in China. They sold 144.5 million shares of JD.com. The price was \$24.95 per share. This was 11% lower than the previous day's closing price. The sale caused JD.com's shares to drop by 12%. Walmart will use the money from the sale to improve its own stores in China. They plan to keep working with JD.com despite ending their partnership. Walmart's Sam's Club business in China is doing well. Other hypermarkets are struggling. Chinese online retailers are trying hard to make more money as people change how they shop. This change in partnership between Walmart and JD.com follows a trend of online and offline businesses separating. It all started in 2016 when Walmart bought a 5% stake in JD.com.

## **Vocabulary List:**

- IS.COM 1. **E-commerce** /'iːˌkɒmɜːs/ (noun): Commercial transactions conducted electronically on the internet.
- 2. Partnership /'pa:rt.nər.[ɪp/ (noun): A relationship between individuals or groups working together toward a common goal.
- 3. Stake /sterk/ (noun): An interest or share in a business or enterprise.
- 4. **Struggling** /'strʌglɪŋ/ (verb): Experiencing difficulties or challenges.
- 5. Trend /trɛnd/ (noun): A general direction in which something is developing or changing.
- 6. Retailer /'ri:.teɪ.lər/ (noun): A business or person that sells goods to consumers.

# Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which word best describes a person who is often in a bad mood or irritable?

Option: Routine Option: Grumpy Option: Yummy Option: Trust

2. Who are professionals responsible for creating software and applications?

Option: Consumers Option: Developers



Option: Entrepreneurs

Option: Charge

3. What is the process of embedding a visible or invisible mark in a digital image or document to provide copyright protection?

Option: Decrease Option: Earnings

Option: Watermarking

Option: Claim

4. Which term refers to conducting business transactions online through the internet?

Option: Trend

Option: E-commerce

Option: Stake Option: Affect

5. What type of material is artificially made by chemical synthesis?

Option: Integrity Option: Synthetic Option: Struggling Option: Futures

NEWS.COM 6. Which term signifies confidence in the reliability or integrity of a person or thing?

Option: Trust Option: Charge Option: Bounce Option: Claim

7. Who is a person or business that sells goods to consumers?

Option: Partnership Option: Retailer Option: Stake Option: Decrease

8. Which term means to make something smaller in size, amount, or number?

Option: Investors Option: Decrease Option: Qualitative Option: Futures

9. Which word describes facing challenges or difficulties in achieving success?

Option: Partnership Option: Earnings



Option: Struggling Option: Claim

10. What term describes the ability to comprehend information or ideas?

Option: Entrepreneurs

Option: Yummy

Option: Understanding

Option: Charge

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

11. A	is a general direction in which something is developing or changing.
12. A	is a cooperative relationship between two or more individuals or entities.
13	_ is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, or strength of someone or
something.	is an assertion of the truth of something, typically without providing
14. A	is an assertion of the truth of something, typically without providing
evidence or proof.	
15	is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.
16	research focuses on the quality of data, providing insights into the problem of
helping to develop ideas or	hypotheses for potential quantitative research.
17. Investing in financial _	involves buying or selling a contract that obligates a
party to buy or sell an asse	t at a specific future date and price.
18	are the profits made by a company.
19	are individuals or institutions that commit money to purchase financial
securities, real assets, or of	ther investment strategies.
20	are individuals or households that consume goods and services produced



within an economy.

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

- 21. Many people follow a daily of activities to maintain productivity and organization.
- 22. There is a to how much information one can absorb in a short period of time.
- 23. To save money, many people try to unnecessary expenses from their budgets.
- 24. The chef prepared a dessert that left everyone wanting more.
- 25. In the hours, the city comes alive with vibrant nightlife and entertainment.
- 26. play a crucial role in creating new software applications and programs for various industries.
- 27. are individuals who take on financial risks in the hope of making a profit from a new business venture.
- 28. Building with customers is essential for businesses to maintain long-term relationships and loyalty.
- 29. Many startups face challenges and obstacles when they are to establish themselves in the market.
- 30. provide capital to companies or projects with the expectation of receiving a return on their investment.

### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Grumpy 2. Developers 3. Watermarking 4. E-commerce 5. Synthetic 6. Trust 7. Retailer 8. Decrease 9. Struggling 10. Understanding

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Trend 12. Partnership 13. Trust 14. Claim 15. Integrity 16. Qualitative 17. Futures 18. Earnings 19. Investors 20. Consumers

**Matching sentence:** 1. Routine 2. Limit 3. Reduce 4. Yummy 5. Evening 6. Developers 7. Entrepreneurs 8. Trust 9. Struggling 10. Investors

#### **CATEGORY**

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