AMAZON STRIKE



Amazon Strike – level 2

02-12-2020



Amazon is a US company and the world´s largest online _____. Amazon´s biggest market outside the US is Germany and German Amazon workers are planning to go on a strike that will last three days.

The strike will take place in seven German Amazon _____ and it should start on November 25. But on November 27, there is ´Black Friday´. For many stores, Black Friday is the start of Christmas shopping season, and they offer very big sales. In the US, it is the busiest shopping day of the year.

Amazon workers want higher salaries and better _____. During the coronavirus pandemic, more people have shopped online and it means more business for Amazon.

Difficult words:

♦ Find the words for the following definitions and write them below and in the text above:

_____(a person or company who sells things to people)

_____ (a large building where a company stores things before selling them)

_____ (the situation in which people work).

♦ Find a comparative structure in the text (plus …. que): _____

♦ Find a superlative in the text (le plus …..): _____

♦ How do you say these dates orally? (write the numbers in letters):

November 25 = the _____

02-12-2020 = the _____

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Amazon Strike – level 3



♦ Drag the following verbs in the text below:

were comparable **offered** **have forced** **is facing** **said**

The US retail giant Amazon _____ pressure in Germany, the company´s biggest market outside the US.

Trade union Verdi called on workers at seven German Amazon warehouses to go on a three-day strike. However, the strike would **coincide** with ´Black Friday´ discount shopping sales on November 27. The strike is scheduled to begin with Wednesday´s night shift, with Verdi demanding better pay and working conditions. Verdi has been organizing strikes at Amazon Germany since 2013. An Amazon spokesman _____ earlier this month that the company _____ excellent salaries and that benefits and working conditions _____ with other companies.

Amazon´s sales have **soared** globally as coronavirus restrictions _____ consumers to shop online. According to Verdi, this has strengthened the case for higher wages and the necessity to protect Amazon´s workers more sufficiently against the spread of the coronavirus.

Difficult words:

trade union (an association formed by workers who work to protect their common interests), **coincide** (to happen at the same time), **soar** (to increase rapidly above the usual level).

♦ Match the phrases with their French translation:

has strengthened	★	★	est prévu
night shift	★	★	exigeant
is scheduled	★	★	l'équipe de nuit
demanding	★	★	la grève
have soared	★	★	ont grimpé en flèche
the strike	★	★	a renforcé

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♦ Here is the original video:



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