



THE ROAD TO REFORM – US CAR WORKERS ON STRIKE



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1 Pre-listening task: vocabulary

Match words and phrases with the correct definitions.

Group 1

1. <u>union</u> (n)	a. turned down or rejected
2. <u>rebuffed</u> (v)	b. increased sharply
3. <u>chorus</u> (n)	c. association of workers
4. <u>substantial</u> (adj.)	d. collective group
5. <u>juxtaposed</u> (v)	e. significantly large or meaningful
6. <u>soared</u> (v)	f. placed side by side for comparison
7. <u>undeniably</u> (adv.)	g. in a manner that cannot be denied

Group 2

1. <u>seismic</u> (adj.)	a. consequences of an action
2. <u>repercussions</u> (n)	b. differences or inequalities
3. <u>unprecedented</u> (adj.)	c. never before seen or experienced
4. <u>illuminated</u> (v)	d. exceeding in speed or progress
5. <u>sacrifices</u> (n)	e. relating to earthquakes or significant disruptions
6. <u>disparities</u> (n)	f. lit up or highlighted
7. <u>outpacing</u> (v)	g. acts of giving up something valuable



2 Listening for specific information



Listen to the report about industrial action at three car factories in the US. Write down information from the report to the corresponding statements provided below.

- a. _____ the number of workers who walked off the job in Detroit
- b. _____ between 1979 and 2022, the rise in wages of the top 1% of workers
- c. _____ the number of days that were lost to industrial action in July

3 Listening for comprehension

Part A: Listen to the report again. Using information from the report itself, answer the questions true (T) or false (F).

1. The UAW believe that they are in a strong position. _____
2. The strikes at the car companies were organized to happen at the same time as strikes in other industries. _____
3. Truck drivers were forced to accept a pay cut. _____
4. Mary Barra believes her salary is fair because of the success of her company. _____
5. Some bosses have suggested that there will be unwanted financial consequences of the strikes.

6. The high availability of jobs will benefit the strikers. _____