



THE ROAD TO REFORM – US CAR WORKERS ON STRIKE



Scan to review worksheet

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1 Pre-listening task: vocabulary

Match words and phrases with the correct definitions.

Group 1

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| 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

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| 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. _____