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

Group 2

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

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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. _____

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