

Starbucks Closes Some Shops

A2 Reading, Listening, Vocabulary & Grammar Worksheet

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Part 1: New Words

Read the words and their meanings.

Word / Phrasal Verb	Meaning
announced	told people officially about something new
classic	traditional and well-known, often admired for a long time
atmosphere	the mood or feeling of a place
customers	people who buy things from a shop or business
take over	to start controlling or leading something
bring back	to make something return or exist again
fix up	to repair or improve something
put in	to install or add something to a place
pick up	to collect or take something, often quickly
turn around	to change a bad situation into a better one

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Part 2: Reading

This text uses the Simple Present, Present Continuous, and Simple Past. Read the text.

Starbucks is a large coffee company with thousands of shops around the world. Right now, the company is closing about 250 shops in the United States and Canada.

Last week, Starbucks announced this plan to its workers. The company looked at all of its shops and found some that don't make enough money.

Brian Niccol took over as the boss of Starbucks a while ago. He wants to bring back the classic coffeehouse feeling that people used to love. His plan is called "Back to Starbucks."

At the same time, Starbucks is fixing up many other shops. Workers are putting in comfortable chairs and creating a cozier atmosphere. The company hopes customers will want to sit down and stay for a while, instead of just picking up their coffee and leaving quickly.

Not everyone agrees with the plan. Some workers are worried about losing their jobs. Other people think Starbucks is making the right choice.

Starbucks wants to turn things around and make people fall in love with its coffee shops again.

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Part 3: Vocabulary Practice — Match the word to the meaning

Write the correct letter in the blank.

Word		Meaning
1. announced	___	A. traditional and well-known, often admired for a long time
2. classic	___	B. to repair or improve something
3. atmosphere	___	C. to install or add something to a place
4. customers	___	D. to collect or take something, often quickly
5. take over	___	E. to start controlling or leading something
6. bring back	___	F. the mood or feeling of a place
7. fix up	___	G. told people officially about something new
8. put in	___	H. people who buy things from a shop or business
9. pick up	___	I. to make something return or exist again
10. turn around	___	J. to change a bad situation into a better one

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Part 4: Synonyms (same meaning)

Circle the word with the same meaning.

1. Which word means the same as "announced"?

☐ A) hid

☐ B) told officially

☐ C) forgot

2. Which word means the same as "classic"?

☐ A) modern

☐ B) strange

☐ C) traditional

3. Which word means the same as "atmosphere"?

☐ A) mood

☐ B) building

☐ C) price

4. Which word means the same as "customers"?

☐ A) workers

☐ B) buyers

☐ C) owners

5. Which word means the same as "turn around"?

☐ A) worsen

☐ B) ignore

☐ C) improve

Part 5: Antonyms (opposite meaning)

Circle the word with the opposite meaning.

1. Which word means the opposite of "classic"?

☐ A) modern

☐ B) traditional

☐ C) old

2. Which word means the opposite of "comfortable"?

☐ A) cozy

☐ B) uncomfortable

☐ C) nice

3. Which word means the opposite of "bring back"?

☐ A) return

☐ B) restore

☐ C) take away

4. Which word means the opposite of "fix up"?

☐ A) break

☐ B) repair

☐ C) improve

5. Which word means the opposite of "quickly"?

☐ A) fast

☐ B) slowly

☐ C) soon

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Part 6: Grammar — Which tense is used?

Read each sentence from the text. Circle the correct tense.

1. "Starbucks is a large coffee company with thousands of shops."

☐ A) Present Continuous

☐ B) Simple Present

☐ C) Simple Past

2. "Right now, the company is closing about 250 shops."

☐ A) Present Continuous

☐ B) Simple Past

☐ C) Simple Present

3. "Last week, Starbucks announced this plan to its workers."

☐ A) Simple Present

☐ B) Present Continuous

☐ C) Simple Past

4. "The company looked at all of its shops."

☐ A) Present Continuous

☐ B) Simple Past

☐ C) Simple Present

5. "Workers are putting in comfortable chairs."

☐ A) Present Continuous

☐ B) Simple Past

☐ C) Simple Present

6. "Starbucks wants to turn things around."

☐ A) Present Continuous

☐ B) Simple Past

☐ C) Simple Present

Part 7: Grammar — Choose the correct verb form

1. Starbucks ____ a large coffee company.

☐ A) was

☐ B) are

☐ C) is

2. Right now, the company ____ shops.

☐ A) is closing

☐ B) closes

☐ C) closed

3. Last week, Starbucks ____ this plan.

☐ A) announce

☐ B) announced

☐ C) announces

4. The company ____ at all of its shops.

☐ A) looks

☐ B) is looking

☐ C) looked

5. Workers ____ comfortable chairs right now.

☐ A) are putting in

☐ B) put

☐ C) put in

6. Starbucks ____ to turn things around.

☐ A) wanted

☐ B) wants

☐ C) is wanting

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Part 8: Grammar — Change the tense

1. Change to Present Continuous: "Starbucks closes some shops."

- ☐ A) Starbucks closed some shops.
- ☐ B) Starbucks is closing some shops.
- ☐ C) Starbucks close some shops.

2. Change to Simple Past: "Starbucks announces the plan."

- ☐ A) Starbucks is announcing the plan.
- ☐ B) Starbucks announce the plan.
- ☐ C) Starbucks announced the plan.

3. Change to Simple Present: "Workers were putting in new chairs."

- ☐ A) Workers put in new chairs.
- ☐ B) Workers putted in new chairs.
- ☐ C) Workers are putting in new chairs.

4. Change to Present Continuous: "The company fixes up old shops."

- ☐ A) The company fixed up old shops.
- ☐ B) The company is fixing up old shops.
- ☐ C) The company fixes up old shops well.

5. Change to Simple Past: "Customers pick up their coffee."

- ☐ A) Customers are picking up their coffee.
- ☐ B) Customers picks up their coffee.
- ☐ C) Customers picked up their coffee.

Part 9: Word Scramble

Put the words in the correct order. Write the full sentence.

1. is / Starbucks / closing / about / 250 / shops / right / now.

Your sentence: _____

2. announced / Last / week, / Starbucks / this / plan / to / its / workers.

Your sentence: _____

3. took / Brian / Niccol / over / as / the / boss / of / Starbucks.

Your sentence: _____

4. are / Workers / putting / in / comfortable / chairs.

Your sentence: _____

5. wants / Starbucks / to / turn / things / around.

Your sentence: _____

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Part 10: Dialogue — Complete the conversation

Priya and Tom talk about Starbucks. Circle the best word or phrase for each blank.

Priya: Have you heard about Starbucks closing shops?

Tom: Yes! The company ____ (1) ____ about 250 shops right now.

Priya: I read that Starbucks ____ (2) ____ the plan to workers last week.

Tom: Right. Brian Niccol ____ (3) ____ as boss a while ago.

Priya: He wants to ____ (4) ____ the classic coffeehouse feeling.

Tom: I heard workers ____ (5) ____ new chairs in many shops right now.

Priya: The company is also ____ (6) ____ old shops to make them nicer.

Tom: They hope customers won't just ____ (7) ____ their coffee and leave.

Priya: I hope Starbucks can really ____ (8) ____ things.

1. Blank 1

☐ A) closed

☐ B) closes

☐ C) is closing

2. Blank 2

☐ A) announced

☐ B) announces

☐ C) is announcing

3. Blank 3

☐ A) takes over

☐ B) took over

☐ C) is taking over

4. Blank 4

- ☐ A) fix up
- ☐ B) put in
- ☐ C) bring back

5. Blank 5

- ☐ A) are putting in
- ☐ B) put in
- ☐ C) putted in

6. Blank 6

- ☐ A) bringing back
- ☐ B) fixing up
- ☐ C) picking up

7. Blank 7

- ☐ A) fix up
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- ☐ C) pick up

8. Blank 8

- ☐ A) turn around
- ☐ B) pick up
- ☐ C) fix up

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Answer Key

Part 3: Vocabulary Matching

1. announced → G
2. classic → A
3. atmosphere → F
4. customers → H
5. take over → E
6. bring back → I
7. fix up → B
8. put in → C
9. pick up → D
10. turn around → J

Part 4: Synonyms

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