The story

US TV networks can't show some of their most popular programmes from this week as writers strike.

It's all about pay and conditions – which have been hit by the rise of streaming services.

Writers are also worried about the possibility of scripts being written by AI.

Key words and phrases

gig economy
job market of short-term work

- Working in the gig economy can be stressful.
- A lot of new jobs have been created, but they're all in the gig economy.

sparks
causes

- Management's behaviour sparked a walk-out from the staff.
- Walking round the gallery sparked a lot of creative ideas.

reruns
old programmes, shown again

- There's never anything interesting on TV – it's all reruns.
- After the star left, they had to show reruns.