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## Level 0

### Fears over USA - China trade war

25th March, 2018

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-0.html>

A USA-China trade war may start. Stock markets in Asia fell because people are worried. President Donald Trump wants to put tariffs on Chinese goods. A tariff is a tax on imports (things bought from other countries). Mr Trump wants to put tariffs on \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would do the same.

If the USA uses tariffs, China will hit back. Then the U.S. will hit back further. A researcher said: "This can turn ugly...very quickly." Trump wants to protect U.S. workers. He is not happy because the USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA. Mr Trump wants to cut this imbalance.

Sources: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-markets-slump-as-fears-of-trade-war-mount/2018/03/23/f641e906-2e0b-11e8-8dc9-3b51e028b845\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-markets-slump-as-fears-of-trade-war-mount/2018/03/23/f641e906-2e0b-11e8-8dc9-3b51e028b845_story.html)  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A USA-China trade war       | a. worried            |
| 2. Stock                       | b. imports            |
| 3. people are                  | c. may start          |
| 4. Trump wants to put tariffs  | d. do the same        |
| 5. A tariff is a tax on        | e. of Chinese imports |
| 6. things bought from other    | f. markets in Asia    |
| 7. put tariffs on \$60 billion | g. countries          |
| 8. China said it would         | h. on Chinese goods   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. China will                      | a. ugly             |
| 2. the U.S. will hit back          | b. goods from China |
| 3. This can turn                   | c. hit back         |
| 4. very                            | d. U.S. workers     |
| 5. Trump wants to protect          | e. imbalance        |
| 6. He is                           | f. quickly          |
| 7. the USA buys \$385 billion more | g. not happy        |
| 8. Mr Trump wants to cut this      | h. further          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-0.html>

A USA-China (1) \_\_\_\_\_ start. Stock markets in Asia (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people are worried. President Donald Trump wants (3) \_\_\_\_\_ on Chinese goods. A tariff is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ imports (things bought from (5) \_\_\_\_\_). Mr Trump wants to put tariffs on \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

If the USA uses tariffs, China (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Then the U.S. will hit (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A researcher said: "This (9) \_\_\_\_\_...very quickly." Trump wants to protect U.S. workers. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because the USA buys \$385 billion (11) \_\_\_\_\_ China than China buys from the USA. Mr Trump wants (12) \_\_\_\_\_ imbalance.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TRADE WAR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trade war in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

