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## Level 1

### Fears over USA - China trade war

25th March, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-1.html>

A trade war may start between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia fell on Friday because people are worried. U.S. President Donald Trump plans to put trade tariffs on Chinese goods. A tariff is a tax on imports - goods and services from other countries. President Trump wants to put tariffs on \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would use tariffs in reply. Tokyo's Nikkei share index fell by more than 4 per cent on Friday.

The tariffs could start a global trade war. A researcher said: "If the tariffs go ahead...China will retaliate....And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate further. This can turn ugly on a global scale very quickly." Mr Trump wants to protect U.S. workers. He is not happy with the trade imbalance with China. The USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA. Trump wants to cut this imbalance by \$100 billion.

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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<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-43510802>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A trade war                     | a. Chinese goods      |
| 2. Stock markets in Asia           | b. by more than 4%    |
| 3. people are                      | c. other countries    |
| 4. put trade tariffs on            | d. fell on Friday     |
| 5. A tariff is a tax               | e. of Chinese imports |
| 6. goods and services from         | f. worried            |
| 7. put tariffs on \$60 billion     | g. on imports         |
| 8. Tokyo's Nikkei share index fell | h. may start          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The tariffs could start         | a. retaliate          |
| 2. If the tariffs go               | b. protect US workers |
| 3. China will                      | c. goods from China   |
| 4. This can turn                   | d. a global trade war |
| 5. Trump wants to                  | e. by \$100 billion   |
| 6. He is not happy with the trade  | f. ahead              |
| 7. The USA buys \$385 billion more | g. ugly               |
| 8. cut this imbalance              | h. imbalance          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A trade (1) \_\_\_\_\_ between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia fell on Friday (2) \_\_\_\_\_ worried. U.S. President Donald Trump (3) \_\_\_\_\_ trade tariffs on Chinese goods. A tariff is a tax on imports - goods (4) \_\_\_\_\_ other countries. President Trump wants to put tariffs on \$60 billion (5) \_\_\_\_\_. China said it would use tariffs in reply. Tokyo's Nikkei share index (6) \_\_\_\_\_ than 4 per cent on Friday.

The tariffs could (7) \_\_\_\_\_ trade war. A researcher said: "If the (8) \_\_\_\_\_...China will retaliate....And then (9) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. to retaliate further. This can turn ugly on a global scale very quickly." Mr Trump (10) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. workers. He is not happy (11) \_\_\_\_\_ imbalance with China. The USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA. Trump wants to cut (12) \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 billion.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-1.html>

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war-1.html>

Write about **trade war** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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