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## Level 2

### Fears over USA - China trade war

25th March, 2018

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# THE READING

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A trade war may break out between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia fell on Friday because investors are worried. U.S. President Donald Trump plans to hit Chinese companies with trade tariffs. A tariff is a tax on goods and services coming in from other countries. President Trump said he would issue tariffs on up to \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would issue its own tariffs in reply. Tokyo's Nikkei share index fell by more than 4 per cent on Friday. Markets in Shanghai and Seoul fell by 3 per cent. There was also a fall on New York's Wall Street stock exchange.

World trade experts are worried that the tariffs could start a global trade war. A researcher said: "If the tariffs go ahead...China will retaliate. It is impossible to imagine that they cannot. And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate further. This can turn ugly on a global scale very quickly." President Trump wants to protect U.S. workers and companies. 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 reduce this imbalance by \$100 billion with his tariffs.

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-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A trade war may break            | a. in reply           |
| 2. investors are                    | b. and services       |
| 3. hit Chinese companies with       | c. exchange           |
| 4. A tariff is a tax on goods       | d. worried            |
| 5. tariffs on up to \$60 billion of | e. fell by 3 per cent |
| 6. it would issue its own tariffs   | f. out                |
| 7. Markets in Shanghai and Seoul    | g. Chinese imports    |
| 8. New York's Wall Street stock     | h. trade tariffs      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. world trade                     | a. ugly           |
| 2. start a global                  | b. will retaliate |
| 3. If the tariffs go ahead, China  | c. this imbalance |
| 4. we expect the U.S. to retaliate | d. experts        |
| 5. This can turn                   | e. further        |
| 6. Trump wants to protect          | f. imbalance      |
| 7. He is not happy with the trade  | g. trade war      |
| 8. Trump wants to reduce           | h. U.S. workers   |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

