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Level 1 – 10th April 2025

Asian markets in 'bloodbath' after trade tariffs

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The value of global stock markets has fallen. It is the biggest fall in decades. Shanghai's market was down nearly 8%. Japan's Nikkei index was 7.8% down. An analyst called the situation a "bloodbath". Stock prices fell after the trade tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump on April the 2nd. He said that day "will forever be remembered as the day American industry was reborn...and the day that we began to make America wealthy again".

Some countries will take action over the tariffs. A Chinese newspaper said China has had "eight years of trade wars with the US" and that China would beat "US tariff bullying". China could increase its own tariffs on the USA. Japan's Prime Minister said he would ask the US to reduce the 24% tariffs on Japanese goods. Talking about the tariffs, Trump said: "Sometimes you have to take medicine to fix something."

Sources: <https://www.cnbc.com/2025/04/06/trump-says-he-doesnt-want-stocks-to-go-down-but-sometimes-you-have-to-take-medicine.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The value of global stock | a. be remembered |
| 2. the biggest | b. nearly 8% |
| 3. Shanghai's market was down | c. was reborn |
| 4. An analyst called the situation | d. fall in decades |
| 5. Stock prices fell after | e. again |
| 6. that day will forever | f. the trade tariffs |
| 7. the day American industry | g. markets has fallen |
| 8. make America wealthy | h. a bloodbath |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. countries will take action | a. medicine |
| 2. eight years of trade | b. tariffs |
| 3. China could increase its own tariffs | c. something |
| 4. he would ask | d. goods |
| 5. reduce the 24% | e. on the USA |
| 6. Japanese | f. over the tariffs |
| 7. Sometimes you have to take | g. wars with the US |
| 8. fix | h. the US |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250410-trade-tariffs-1.html>

The (1) _____ stock markets has fallen. It is the biggest (2) _____. Shanghai's market (3) _____ 8%. Japan's Nikkei index was 7.8% down. An analyst called the situation a "bloodbath". Stock prices (4) _____ trade tariffs announced by US President Donald Trump on April the 2nd. He said that day "will (5) _____ as the day American industry was reborn...and the day (6) _____ to make America wealthy again".

Some countries will (7) _____ the tariffs. A Chinese newspaper said China has had "eight years (8) _____ with the US" and that China would beat "US tariff bullying". China could increase (9) _____ on the USA. Japan's Prime Minister said he would ask the US (10) _____ 24% tariffs on Japanese goods. Talking (11) _____, Trump said: "Sometimes you have to take (12) _____ something."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRADE TARIFFS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2504/250410-trade-tariffs-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trade tariffs 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

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