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Level 0 – 10th April 2025

Asian markets in 'bloodbath' after trade tariffs

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

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THE READING

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The value of Asia's stock markets has fallen. It is the biggest fall in decades. Shanghai's market was down nearly 8%. Japan's fell 7.8%. An analyst called it a "bloodbath". Stock prices fell after the USA announced trade tariffs on April the 2nd. President Trump said that was the day "we began to make America wealthy again".

A Chinese newspaper said China has had "eight years of trade wars with the US". It said China would beat "US tariff bullying". China could put its own tariffs on the USA. Japan will ask the USA to reduce the tariffs. President Trump said the tariffs were like medicine. He said they would fix things.

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. It is the biggest fall | a. the 2nd |
| 2. Shanghai's market was down | b. in decades |
| 3. An analyst called it | c. wealthy again |
| 4. Stock prices | d. a "bloodbath" |
| 5. after the USA announced | e. nearly 8% |
| 6. on April | f. we began |
| 7. that was the day | g. trade tariffs |
| 8. make America | h. fell |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a Chinese | a. things |
| 2. eight years of trade wars | b. ask the USA |
| 3. It said China would beat | c. with the US |
| 4. China could put its own tariffs | d. medicine |
| 5. Japan will | e. "US tariff bullying" |
| 6. reduce | f. on the USA |
| 7. the tariffs were like | g. newspaper |
| 8. they would fix | h. the tariffs |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Asia's stock markets has fallen. It is the (2) _____ decades. Shanghai's market was down nearly 8%. Japan's fell 7.8%. An (3) _____ a "bloodbath". Stock prices (4) _____ USA announced trade tariffs on April the 2nd. President Trump said (5) _____ day "we began to make (6) _____".

A (7) _____ China has had "eight years (8) _____ with the US". It said China (9) _____ tariff bullying". China could (10) _____ tariffs on the USA. Japan will ask the USA to (11) _____. President Trump said the tariffs were like medicine. He said they (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRADE TARIFFS SURVEY

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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) _____

