

# 'Global Top Offenders Hit with 50% Import Taxes'

## **Description**

In a bold move that has reverberated across the globe, President Donald Trump has unveiled plans for imposing new import taxes on all goods entering the United States. This announcement marks the most significant disruption to the international trade order since the aftermath of World War Two. Under Trump's plan, a baseline tariff of at least 10% will be applied to all imports, in line with a campaign proposal he made last year.

Notably, the White House has singled out about 60 trade partners, including the European Union and China, as the "worst offenders" facing even higher tariffs as a response to what Trump deems unfair trade policies. The implications of this trade war escalation are expected to result in increased prices for American consumers, potentially slowing down growth in the US, and even triggering recessions in some countries worldwide.

Emphasizing the necessity of these measures, Trump declared a national emergency, asserting that the US has long been exploited by other nations through unfair trade practices. Describing it as a declaration of "economic independence," Trump positioned these tariffs as a means to put America first. The implementation of the 10% tariffs will commence on April 5, with higher duties for certain nations coming into effect on April 9.

This drastic shift in trade policy has stunned many analysts, with some likening it to a "nuclear bomb" on the global trading system. As tensions rise and economies brace for turbulence, the ramifications of Trump's tariffs are poised to reshape the landscape of international commerce and potentially push various countries into economic turmoil.

# **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. Tariff /'tæ.rɪf/ (noun): A tax imposed on imported goods.
- 2. **Disruption** /dis'rʌpʃən/ (noun): A disturbance that interrupts an event activity or process.
- 3. **Exploitation** / ɛk.splɔɪ'teɪ.[ən/ (noun): The act of using someone or something unfairly for personal gain.
- 4. Implications /ˌɪmplɪˈkeɪʃənz/ (noun): The possible effects or results of an action or a decision.
- 5. Ramifications / ræmfɪ'keɪ[ənz/ (noun): Complex consequences or outcomes resulting from an action or decision.
- 6. **Turmoil** /'tɜr.mɔɪl/ (noun): A state of great disturbance confusion or uncertainty.

# **Comprehension Questions**



### **Multiple Choice**

1. What percentage of baseline tariff will be applied to all imports under Trump's plan?

Option: 5%
Option: 10%
Option: 15%
Option: 20%

2. Which of the following trade partners were singled out by the White House as facing even higher tariffs?

Option: Mexico Option: Japan

Option: European Union

Option: Canada

3. When will the higher duties for certain nations come into effect?

Option: April 2 Option: April 5 Option: April 7 Option: April 9

4. What did Trump declare as a justification for imposing the tariffs?

Option: National crisis

Option: National emergency Option: Economic downturn

Option: Global threat

5. How are some analysts describing the impact of Trump's tariffs on the global trading system?

Option: Minor disruption
Option: Nuclear bomb

Option: Positive reinforcement

Option: Trade boost

6. When did Trump announce the implementation of the 10% tariffs to commence?

Option: April 2 Option: April 5 Option: April 7 Option: April 9



### **True-False**

- 7. Donald Trump unveiled plans for imposing new import taxes on all goods entering the United States.
- 8. The implications of the trade war escalation are expected to result in decreased prices for American consumers.
- 9. Trump declared the tariffs as a means to put other countries first instead of America.
- 10. The drastic shift in trade policy has stunned few analysts.
- 11. The White House singled out Russia as one of the
- 12. The trade order disruption is the most significant since the aftermath of World War One.

#### **Gap-Fill**

14. Trump asserted that the US has long been exploited by other nations through unfair trade practices,
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# **Answer**

Multiple Choice: 1. 10% 2. European Union 3. April 9 4. National emergency 5. Nuclear bomb 6. April 5

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. emergency 15. 5 16. China 18. analysts



# Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which rare-earth element is commonly used in magnets?

Option: Neodymium

Option: Tariffs Option: Export Option: Furnaces

2. What term describes something of crucial importance or essential for an outcome?

Option: Reliance Option: Critical

Option: Intervention

Option: Impact

3. Which practice involves promoting a product or service to attract customers? ESL-NEWS

Option: Purification Option: Allegations Option: Advertising

Option: Flavor

4. What term refers to the introduction of new ideas or methods?

Option: Capacity Option: Intervention Option: Innovation Option: Bipartisan

5. Which concept relates to the protection of assets from harm or loss?

**Option: Negotiations** Option: Security Option: Capitalizing Option: Exploitation

6. What are the likely consequences or effects of a specific action or event?

Option: Ramifications

Option: Turmoil Option: Implications Option: Disruptions

7. What refers to choices or courses of action that can be taken?



**Option: Capacities** Option: Sustainable Option: Alternatives Option: Reliance

8. Which term means to maintain or support over time?

**Option: Capacity** Option: Intervention Option: Purification Option: Sustain

9. What is the term for a disturbance or problem that interrupts an event or activity?

Option: Flavor Option: Export Option: Disruption Option: Innovation

ESL-NEWS.COM 10. What term is used to describe a powerful effect or influence?

Option: Alternatives Option: Impact Option: Bipartisan Option: Negotiations

## Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The country aimed to increase its	revenue by expanding overseas sales.
12. The process of water	involves removing impurities to make it safe for
consumption.	
13. The government decided to provide financial _	to stabilize the economy.
14. The success of the project depended on the tea	am's on each other.
15. The factory increased its production	to meet growing demand.
16. The government imposed higher	on imported goods to protect local
manufacturers.	



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### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Neodymium 2. Critical 3. Advertising 4. Innovation 5. Security 6. Implications 7. Alternatives 8. Sustain 9. Disruption 10. Impact

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Export 12. Purification 13. Intervention 14. Reliance 15. Capacity 16. Tariffs 17. Disruptions 18. Impact 19. Compounds 20. Turmoil

**Matching sentence:** 1. Bipartisan 2. Reliance 3. Sustainable 4. Capitalizing 5. Advertising 6. Exploitation 7. Negotiations 8. Implications 9. Ramifications 10. Tariff



### **CATEGORY**

1. Business - LEVEL5

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