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# How Trump's Tariffs Are Reshaping American Shopping Habits

## Description

Charlene and Phil Willingham want to buy new kitchen appliances. Their old ones are 20 years old. They decided to shop now because prices might go up soon. The Willinghams are both retired. They went to a store in the Chicago area on Friday. They wanted to buy a stove, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher.

"We wanted to wait, but now with the new tariffs, I want to buy these appliances before they get more expensive," said Ms. Willingham, 64, while at Abt Electronics in Glenview, Illinois.

Many people are worried about prices. This weekend, many shoppers tried to buy items before the tariffs take effect. Some bought more groceries and essentials.

"I feel the need to stock up," said Shali Santos, 28, after buying water and soap at Costco in Los Angeles.

Other shoppers were calm. They felt good about the future and did not change their shopping plans. They believe that things will get better.

"I think prices will go down again," said Gregg Harris, 61, while shopping for food at Walmart in Nashville.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Tariffs** /'tær.ɪfs/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
2. **Appliances** /ə'plaɪ.ən.sɪz/ (noun): Devices or machines used to perform specific tasks typically in the home.
3. **Essentials** /ɪ'sen.ʃəlz/ (noun): Basic items that are necessary for daily life.
4. **Stock up** /stɒk ʌp/ (verb): To buy and store a large quantity of something.
5. **Worried** /'wʌr.ɪd/ (adjective): Feeling anxious or concerned about something.
6. **Shoppers** /'ʃɒp.ərz/ (noun): People who are shopping or looking to buy goods.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Why did Charlene and Phil Willingham decide to buy new kitchen appliances now?

Option: Their old appliances are 20 years old



- Option: Prices might go up soon due to new tariffs
- Option: They are retiring soon
- Option: They wanted to redecorate their kitchen

2. Where did Charlene and Phil Willingham go to buy the new kitchen appliances?

- Option: Abt Electronics in Glenview, Illinois
- Option: Costco in Los Angeles
- Option: Walmart in Nashville
- Option: Home Depot in Chicago

3. What items did Charlene and Phil Willingham want to buy?

- Option: Stove, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher
- Option: TV, couch, dining table, and chairs
- Option: Bed, wardrobe, mirror, and lamps
- Option: Outdoor grill, patio set, hammock, and umbrella

4. How old is Ms. Willingham?

- Option: 54
- Option: 62
- Option: 64
- Option: 68

5. Where did Shali Santos buy water and soap?

- Option: Costco in Los Angeles
- Option: Abt Electronics in Glenview, Illinois
- Option: Walmart in Nashville
- Option: Home Depot in Chicago

6. What did many shoppers do this weekend regarding prices?

- Option: Tried to buy items before the tariffs take effect
- Option: Ignored the price changes
- Option: Waited for prices to increase
- Option: Sold their existing appliances

### **True-False**

7. The Willinghams are a young couple about to start a family.



8. Shali Santos believes that prices will go up due to new tariffs.
9. Charlene and Phil Willingham purchased additional groceries and essentials.
10. Gregg Harris is worried about the current prices.
11. Other shoppers changed their shopping plans because of the tariffs.
12. Gregg Harris is shopping for food at Walmart in Los Angeles.

### Gap-Fill

13. Ms. Willingham is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
14. Charlene and Phil Willingham wanted to buy new kitchen appliances because their old ones are \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
15. Shali Santos stock up on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at Costco in Los Angeles.
16. Many shoppers tried to buy items before the tariffs take effect this \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Gregg Harris believes that prices will go \_\_\_\_\_ again.
18. Other shoppers were \_\_\_\_\_ about the future and did not change their shopping plans.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Prices might go up soon due to new tariffs 2. Abt Electronics in Glenview, Illinois 3. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher 4. 64 5. Costco in Los Angeles 6. Tried to buy items before the tariffs take effect

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 64 14. 20 15. water, soap 16. weekend 17. down 18. calm



## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What are taxes on imported or exported goods known as?  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Appliances  
Option: Profits  
Option: Incentives
2. What are special events or occasions called?  
Option: Essentials  
Option: Celebrations  
Option: Sales  
Option: Government
3. Which term refers to the management or direction of a business or organization?  
Option: Workers  
Option: Administration  
Option: Sanctions  
Option: Democratic
4. What term is used to describe different forms or designs in fashion?  
Option: Waiver  
Option: Popular  
Option: Styles  
Option: Exciting
5. What term describes being easily hurt or harmed?  
Option: Trendy  
Option: Vulnerable  
Option: Celebrity  
Option: Anonymity
6. Which word means to deal with or manage a situation?  
Option: Handle  
Option: Impact  
Option: Sales  
Option: Respect
7. What activity involves buying goods from stores or online?



- Option: Experience
- Option: Shopping
- Option: Disturb
- Option: Concerns

8. What are food items and household products purchased regularly called?

- Option: Workers
- Option: Groceries
- Option: Incentives
- Option: Tariffs

9. Which term refers to a powerful effect or influence?

- Option: Impact
- Option: Celebrity
- Option: Sales
- Option: Stock up

10. Who is responsible for making and enforcing laws within a country?

- Option: Government
- Option: Exciting
- Option: Popular
- Option: Transports

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

11. During the storm it is crucial to have \_\_\_\_\_ like food and water.
12. The company announced a 50% discount to boost \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The company offered cash bonuses as \_\_\_\_\_ for employees who met certain targets.
14. In a \_\_\_\_\_ society the people have a say in how the country is run.
15. The new restaurant is very \_\_\_\_\_ among young adults.
16. Traveling to a new country can be a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ experience.
17. The company saw a significant increase in \_\_\_\_\_ after launching the new product.
18. The athlete signed a \_\_\_\_\_ allowing them to compete in the event.



19. Some people prefer to donate to charity in \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid recognition.

20. The fashion industry is always changing with new and \_\_\_\_\_ styles.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

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| 21. Many parents have about their children's safety when they go out to play.         |
| 22. Please do not the neighbors with loud music late at night.                        |
| 23. The movie star's fans gathered outside the premiere to catch a glimpse of the .   |
| 24. Traveling to a new country can provide a unique cultural .                        |
| 25. It is important to treat others with kindness and .                               |
| 26. Before the hurricane hits it is wise to on emergency supplies.                    |
| 27. The government imposed new on imported steel to protect local industries.         |
| 28. The new policy had a significant on the company's profits.                        |
| 29. The factory hired more to meet the increasing demand for their products.          |
| 30. The United Nations imposed on the country in response to human rights violations. |

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Tariffs 2. Celebrations 3. Administration 4. Styles 5. Vulnerable 6. Handle 7. Shopping 8. Groceries 9. Impact 10. Government

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Essentials 12. Sales 13. Incentives 14. Democratic 15. Popular 16. Exciting 17. Profits 18. Waiver 19. Anonymity 20. Trendy

**Matching sentence:** 1. Concerns 2. Disturb 3. Celebrity 4. Experience 5. Respect 6. Stock up 7. Tariffs 8. Impact 9. Workers 10. Sanctions

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