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## Stocks, News, Data, and Earnings Update

### Description

European stocks went down on Wednesday due to new tariffs from the United States. The Stoxx 600 index dropped by 3.08% in London, with all sectors and major markets losing value. Healthcare, mining, and oil and gas stocks suffered the most, falling by 4.5%, 3.3%, and 4.2% respectively.

Major European indexes like the CAC 40 in France, the DAX in Germany, and the FTSE 100 in the UK also saw significant losses. European markets had a positive day on Tuesday after a few tough days, but worries about new tariffs caused a decline.

President Trump announced more tariffs on pharmaceuticals and increased tariffs on packages from China. Many countries are also imposing tariffs in retaliation. This situation has caused uncertainty in the markets, with U.S. stock futures and Asia-Pacific markets also falling. Investors are preparing for a potentially volatile day on Wall Street.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Tariffs** /'tær.ɪf/ (noun): Taxes imposed by a government on imported goods.
2. **Indexes** /'ɪn.dɛks/ (noun): List or catalog of items often used to measure performance of stock markets.
3. **Significant** /sɪg'nɪf.ɪ.kənt/ (adjective): Having an important meaning or influence.
4. **Retaliation** /rɪ,tæ.lɪ.'eɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The act of returning an injury or wrong typically in a punitive manner.
5. **Uncertainty** /ʌn'sɜːr.tən.ti/ (noun): The state of being unsure or having doubt about something.
6. **Volatile** /'vɒl.ə.tɪl/ (adjective): Liable to change rapidly and unpredictably especially for the worse.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What was the percentage drop of the Stoxx 600 index in London on Wednesday?

- Option: 1.8%
- Option: 2.5%
- Option: 3.08%
- Option: 4.2%



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2. Which sector suffered the most in European stocks on Wednesday?
- Option: Technology
  - Option: Healthcare
  - Option: Retail
  - Option: Manufacturing
3. Which major European index saw significant losses on Wednesday?
- Option: CAC 40
  - Option: Nikkei 225
  - Option: Bovespa
  - Option: S&P 500
4. What caused the decline in European markets on Wednesday?
- Option: Positive economic data
  - Option: New tariffs from the U.S.
  - Option: Decrease in interest rates
  - Option: Trade agreements
5. Which country announced more tariffs on pharmaceuticals and increased tariffs on packages from China?
- Option: Germany
  - Option: France
  - Option: China
  - Option: United States
6. What are investors preparing for concerning Wall Street?
- Option: A stable day
  - Option: Decrease in trading volume
  - Option: Potentially volatile day
  - Option: Record highs

**True-False**

7. All sectors and major markets gained value on Wednesday.
8. The FTSE 100 in the UK did not see any losses on Wednesday.
9. President Trump announced decreased tariffs on pharmaceuticals.



10. European markets had a negative day on Tuesday.
11. Many countries are imposing tariffs in response to the U.S.
12. U.S. stock futures and Asia-Pacific markets remained stable amidst the uncertainty.

### Gap-Fill

13. The Stoxx 600 index dropped by \_\_\_\_\_% in London on Wednesday.
14. Healthcare, mining, and oil and gas stocks fell by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_% respectively.
15. European markets had a positive day on Tuesday after a few tough days, but worries about new tariffs caused a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. President Trump announced more tariffs on pharmaceuticals and increased tariffs on packages from \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Investors are preparing for a potentially \_\_\_\_\_ day on Wall Street.
18. Many countries are imposing tariffs in retaliation, causing \_\_\_\_\_ in the markets.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 3.08% 2. Healthcare 3. CAC 40 4. New tariffs from the U.S. 5. United States 6. Potentially volatile day

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 3.08 14. 4.5, 3.3, 4.2 15. decline 16. China 17. volatile 18. uncertainty

### Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What trade barriers are imposed on imported goods?



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- Option: Volatility  
Option: Tariffs  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Recession
2. Who provides capital in the hopes of a future financial return?  
Option: Multinationals  
Option: Investors  
Option: Futures  
Option: Legislation
3. What is a significant decline in economic activity spread across the economy?  
Option: Predicted  
Option: Correction  
Option: Recession  
Option: Bullish
4. What is the rate at which the general level of prices for goods and services rise?  
Option: Stability  
Option: Inflation  
Option: Surged  
Option: Boost
5. What term refers to the degree of variation of a trading price series?  
Option: Uncertainties  
Option: Volatility  
Option: Implications  
Option: Charges
6. Which organization implements monetary policy in the United States?  
Option: Stability  
Option: Federal Reserve  
Option: Charges  
Option: Boost
7. What is a tax imposed on goods crossing international borders?  
Option: Stability  
Option: Tariff  
Option: Bounced back  
Option: Projections
8. What term refers to a reduction in economic activity or growth?  
Option: Retaliation



- Option: Decline
- Option: Boost
- Option: Legislation

9. What term refers to an increase or growth in economic activity?

- Option: Uncertainties
- Option: Boost
- Option: Classification
- Option: Stability

10. What term refers to the process of making or enacting laws?

- Option: Futures
- Option: Legislation
- Option: Surged
- Option: Implications

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

11. \_\_\_\_\_ in the market can lead to significant financial losses for investors.
12. Increased \_\_\_\_\_ can impact consumer prices and global trade.
13. A \_\_\_\_\_ corporation operates in multiple countries around the world.
14. The economic decision had far-reaching \_\_\_\_\_ for the industry.
15. Maintaining financial \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for sustainable growth.
16. Stock prices \_\_\_\_\_ following the positive earnings report.
17. A market \_\_\_\_\_ can occur after a prolonged period of growth.
18. Global \_\_\_\_\_ can impact investment decisions.
19. The analyst \_\_\_\_\_ a downturn in the housing market.
20. Investors may have a \_\_\_\_\_ outlook on a particular stock.

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

21. Those who provide capital in the form of financial assets in the hope of receiving future returns.



22. A period of significant economic decline characterized by a drop in spending and production.
23. The process of categorizing entities based on predefined criteria for easier analysis.
24. The amounts levied on individuals or entities as payment for services or goods provided.
25. Contracts obligating the holder to buy or sell an asset at a predetermined future date and price.
26. The act of responding to an action with a corresponding measure of equal or stronger force.
27. Estimates and expectations regarding future trends or outcomes based on current data.
28. The potential consequences or effects that result from specific actions or decisions.
29. Recovering swiftly after a setback or decline often indicating resilience.
30. To increase or enhance the growth or development of a particular aspect.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Tariffs 2. Investors 3. Recession 4. Inflation 5. Volatility 6. Federal Reserve 7. Tariff  
8. Decline 9. Boost 10. Legislation

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Volatility 12. Tariffs 13. Multinational 14. Implications 15. Stability 16. Surged 17. Correction  
18. Uncertainties 19. Predicted 20. Bullish

**Matching sentence:** 1. investors 2. recession 3. classification 4. charges 5. futures 6. retaliation 7. projections  
8. implications 9. bounced back 10. boost

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