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# Will Trump's China Tariffs Drive Up iPhone Prices?

## Description

The landscape of consumer electronics, encompassing smartphones, laptops, tablets, and smartwatches, is poised for potential price escalations in the United States. This impending surge is largely attributable to the imposition of tariffs—specifically a staggering 125% on imports from China, a major manufacturing hub for these devices—under the administration of former President Donald Trump. The implications for iconic products such as the iPhone and their manufacturer, Apple, are significant, prompting scrutiny from industry analysts.

According to some forecasts, should these tariff-related expenses be transferred to consumers, the cost of the iPhone in the U.S. could inflate by several hundred dollars. The situation becomes even more complex when considering that approximately 80% of Apple's smartphones for the U.S. market are produced in China, with the remainder manufactured in India, a country the tech giant has recently sought to leverage in diversifying its supply chain.

Despite Apple's considerable profit margins, which may afford the company some capacity to absorb tariff-induced costs without substantial impact in the short run, the question remains whether these costs will ultimately culminate in increased retail prices. Industry experts conjecture that an iPhone, previously priced at \$1,199, might ascend to as much as \$1,999 under the current tariff structure.

As consumers contemplate their options in this uncertain market—perhaps considering alternative models or delaying upgrades—the enduring appeal of the iPhone, coupled with its brand loyalty, suggests that even a moderate price increase may not deter dedicated customers from remaining within Apple's ecosystem.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Escalation** /ˌɛs.kəˈleɪ.ʃən/ (noun): An increase or intensification of something particularly in a negative context.
2. **Imposition** /ˌɪm.pəˈzɪʃ.ən/ (noun): The act of establishing something usually an obligation or duty often considered burdensome.
3. **Scrutiny** /ˈskruː.tɪ.ni/ (noun): Critical observation or examination.
4. **Conjecture** /kənˈdʒɛk.tʃər/ (noun): An opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information.
5. **Diverting** /daɪˈvɜː.tɪŋ/ (verb): To change the direction or use of something.
6. **Ecosystem** /ˈiː.koʊ.sɪs.təm/ (noun): A complex network or interconnected system often relating to technology or market dynamics.

## Vocabulary quizzes



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

1. Which term best describes a development strategy aimed at meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?

- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Imminent
- Option: Articulated
- Option: Ecosystem

2. What term refers to the act of interfering or getting involved in a situation to modify outcomes?

- Option: Scrutiny
- Option: Intervention
- Option: Imposition
- Option: Diverting

3. Which term is used to describe a community of organisms interacting with each other and their physical environment?

- Option: Conjecture
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Egregiously

4. What term refers to a tax or duty to be paid on a particular class of imports or exports?

- Option: Entrenched
- Option: Contraventions
- Option: Tariff
- Option: Levy

5. Which term represents the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of a society or enterprise?

- Option: Asserted
- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Infrastructure
- Option: Transformative

6. What term represents the act of increasing in extent volume number or scope?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Catalyzed
- Option: Corrailed
- Option: Escalation

7. Which term refers to the action or process of imposing something or striking upon by authority?



- Option: Substantial
- Option: Unequivocally
- Option: Imposition
- Option: Asserted

8. What term describes the imposition or collection of a tax or fee?

- Option: Egregiously
- Option: Contraventions
- Option: Levy
- Option: Decommissioned

9. Which term best describes turning something aside from its course or intended purpose?

- Option: Sustainable
- Option: Diverting
- Option: Accessibility
- Option: Consortium

10. What term describes something that is limited to certain people or groups and not for everyone?

- Option: Substantial
- Option: Ecosystem
- Option: Unequivocally
- Option: Exclusively

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

- 11. The company faced intense \_\_\_\_\_ over its financial practices.
- 12. The situation requires immediate attention due to its \_\_\_\_\_.
- 13. The new policy \_\_\_\_\_ significant changes in the industry.
- 14. The professor \_\_\_\_\_ that further research was needed to confirm the hypothesis.
- 15. The political ideology was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ in the region.
- 16. The new technology had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on the way we communicate.
- 17. The team waited in \_\_\_\_\_ for the announcement of the results.
- 18. Due to budget cuts the project had to be \_\_\_\_\_ before completion.



19. The old power plant was finally \_\_\_\_\_ after decades of service.
20. The company announced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in its profits this quarter.

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

21. The speaker his ideas clearly during the presentation.
22. The evidence supported the theory .
23. The magician succeeded in the audience's attention away from the trick.
24. The company its resources to expand into new markets.
25. Several companies formed a to collaborate on the project.
26. The error in the report was overlooked by the editor.
27. Repeated of the company policy led to disciplinary action.
28. The storm's arrival was prompting evacuation warnings.
29. Successful businesses often use to maximize their potential.
30. The conflict showed signs of as tensions rose between the two sides.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Sustainable 2. Intervention 3. Ecosystem 4. Tariff 5. Infrastructure 6. Escalation  
7. Imposition 8. Levy 9. Diverting 10. Exclusively

**Gap-Fill:** 11. scrutiny 12. urgency 13. catalyzed 14. asserted 15. entrenched 16. transformative 17.  
anticipation 18. curtailed 19. decommissioned 20. substantial

**Matching sentence:** 1. articulated 2. unequivocally 3. diverting 4. leveraged 5. consortium 6. egregiously  
7. contraventions 8. imminent 9. leverage 10. escalation

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