



# U.S. triggers new tariffs, China vows to strike back

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U.S. President Donald Trump's tariff increase to 25% on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods takes effect, and Beijing says it will strike back, ratcheting up tensions as the two sides pursue last-ditch talks to try salvaging a trade deal.

1-1. Donald Trump made good on his promise \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. right in the middle of negotiations \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP RESPONDING TO QUESTION ABOUT WHETHER HE EXPECTS TO HAVE A TRADE DEAL WITH CHINA THIS WEEK, SAYING:

"So, I have no idea what's going to happen."

"I did get last night a very beautiful letter from President Xi."

"Let's work together."

"Let's see if we can get something done."

"But, they renegotiated the deal."

2. They kicked in \_\_\_\_\_

3-1. Hours later \_\_\_\_\_

3-2. with Beijing saying it quote \_\_\_\_\_

3-3. but that \_\_\_\_\_

4. The country's commerce ministry \_\_\_\_\_

5-1. Trump announced \_\_\_\_\_

5-2. after news that China had backtracked \_\_\_\_\_

6. The news shook up the markets \_\_\_\_\_

7. But this time around \_\_\_\_\_

8-1. According to U.S. authorities any goods \_\_\_\_\_

8-2. will not be subject \_\_\_\_\_

9-1. Goldman Sachs called it \_\_\_\_\_

9-2. a few weeks for negotiators \_\_\_\_\_

10-1. Facing the most pain: high-tech goods \_\_\_\_\_

10-2. but also more humdrum items \_\_\_\_\_

11. One industry insider called the hike quote \_\_\_\_\_

12. Trump has hinted that the tariffs \_\_\_\_\_

13-1. But economists say actually \_\_\_\_\_

13-2. eventually passing the costs \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

☐ **make good on:** to fulfill an obligation, such as keeping a promise or paying a debt.

• *You better make good on all the things you said you would deliver, or the client is not going to be happy.*

☐ **hike up:** to increase the amount of something

• *I can't believe she hiked up her prices again. She's charging way more than I want to pay for a haircut.*

☐ **tariff:** a tax that a government charges on goods that enter or leave their country

• *The government set a very high tariff on imported rice.*

☐ **renegotiate:** to revise the terms of in order to limit or regain excess profits gained by the contractor

☐ **kick in:** to begin working or becoming effective.

• *You'll feel a lot better when the medication kicks in.* 薬

☐ **East Coast time:**



*time zones in the conterminous United States: A Pacific time, B mountain time, C central time, D eastern time*

☐ **countermeasure**: an action taken to offset another action; an action taken to stop something else from happening or having a negative effect

• *The Chancellor's countermeasures against inflation have been completely ineffective.*

☐ **take countermeasures**:

☐ **commerce ministry**:

☐ **duty**: a tax that you must pay on something, especially something that you bring into one country from another country)

☐ **hike**: a sudden large increase in the amount or level of something

• *Economists are predicting a hike in interest rates.*

☐ **backtrack**: to change your intentions, so that you become less willing or less likely to do something that you said you would do

☐ **draft**: something such as a plan, letter, or drawing that may have changes made to it before it is finished; not in a final form and likely to be changed

• *I showed David a draft of the letter and he suggested a few changes.*

☐ **trade agreement**: an agreement between two or more countries on trade between them

☐ **shake up**: to make someone very upset; to frighten or shock someone.

☐ **importer**: a person, company, or country that brings goods into their country in order to sell them

☐ **notice**: the period between the time that you tell someone you are going to do something and the time you do it

• *I need a month's notice if you're planning to move out.*

☐ **days' notice**:

☐ **this time around**: "This time around", as you guess, means that it has happened before, and may happen again. "Around" evokes an image of a *repeating cycle*, which is most often thought of as *circular*.

- *This time around, she wants to get it right!*

☐ **subject** to be guided, controlled, or ruled by something

- *This Agreement shall be subject to the laws of Japan.*

☐ **Goldman Sachs**: an American multinational investment bank and financial services company headquartered in New York City. It offers services in investment management, securities, asset management, prime brokerage, and securities underwriting.

☐ **window of opportunity**: an opportunity to do something that will only be available to you for a short time

☐ **hammer out**: to discuss vehemently in order to reach a solution or an agreement

- *The leaders of the various Middle Eastern countries are trying to hammer out a peace agreement.*

☐ **hammer out a deal**:

☐ **bite**: to have an unpleasant effect

☐ **modem**: a piece of equipment that allows you to connect a computer to a telephone line

☐ **internet modem**:

☐ **circuit board**: a printed circuit that can be inserted into expansion slots in a computer to increase the computer's capabilities

☐ **humdrum**: boring because nothing new or interesting ever happens

☐ **vacuum cleaner**: an electrical home appliance that cleans by suction

☐ **insider**: someone within an organization or group who knows about all the things happening in it

☐ **industry insider**:

☐ **disastrous**: causing a lot of damage or harm; (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin

- *Bad investments put him in a disastrous financial situation.*

☐ **tech industry**: technology industry

☐ **hint**: to say what you are thinking or feeling in an indirect way

☐ **pay**: to suffer because of something that you have done

- *I'm going to make you pay for this!*

☐ **economist**: an expert in economics, especially one who advises a government department, business, or organization

☐ **end up**: to finally be or do something

- *If I give up halfway, I might end up (by) hating myself.*

☐ **foot the bill**: to pay for something that is expensive or that someone else should be paying for

- *I hope the production company is footing the bill for all of this air travel.*

☐ **eventually**: at the end of a process or period of time in which many things happen

☐ **pass on**: to give something to someone, after someone else gave it to you

- *No one passed the news on to me.*