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## Level 3

### Fears over USA - China trade war

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

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<https://sg.news.yahoo.com/asian-markets-plunge-wall-street-trump-sparks-trade-020817042--finance.html>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-43510802>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TRADE WAR:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about trade war. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

waiting / trade / war / tariffs / goods / services / imports / shares / stock exchange / experts / researcher / planned / retaliate / ugly / global / imbalance / China / USA

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. NO WINNERS:** Students A **strongly** believe there are no winners in a trade war; Students B **strongly** believe there are. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. WARS:** Why are countries fighting over these things? How can we stop them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why? What? Why?	How Can We Stop Them?
Trade		
Religion		
Water		
Drugs		
The Internet		
Land		

**5. MARKET:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "market". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. CHINESE GOODS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best Chinese goods at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Tea sets
- Ceramics
- Fans
- Electronics
- Chopsticks
- Silk
- Jade
- Dresses

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |  |
|---------------|--|
| 1. breaks out | a. A tax on a particular class of imports.   |
| 2. trading    | b. Starts (especially a fight, war, etc.).   |
| 3. investors  | c. People or companies who put money into financial schemes, property, etc. to try and make a profit (more money). |
| 4. tariffs    | d. Give out.   |
| 5. goods      | e. The shares of a particular company, type of company, or industry.   |
| 6. issue      | f. The action of buying and selling goods and services.  |
| 7. stocks     | g. Things that are sold.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 8. experts    | h. Think will happen.   |
| 9. import     | i. When two things are not equal.   |
| 10. retaliate | j. Keep safe from harm or danger.   |
| 11. expect    | k. Hit back in return for an attack on you.                                 |
| 12. further   | l. Additional to what already exists or has already taken place, been done. |
| 13. protect   | m. A person who has a lot of knowledge of or skill in a particular area.    |
| 14. imbalance | n. Things, goods and services brought into a country from another country.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Asian stock markets recovered well on Friday. **T / F**
- b. The article said investors are worried about China's actions. **T / F**
- c. A tariff is a tax a country puts on goods from other countries. **T / F**
- d. Shanghai's stock market fell by over 4% on Friday. **T / F**
- e. An expert on world trade said China would not retaliate against the US. **T / F**
- f. The expert said a trade war could quickly get ugly. **T / F**
- g. Donald Trump is unhappy that the US imports so much from China. **T / F**
- h. Mr Trump wants to cut the trade imbalance with China by \$100bn. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>1. breaks out</b> | a. response      |
| <b>2. did</b>        | b. safeguard     |
| <b>3. worried</b>    | c. beginning     |
| <b>4. reply</b>      | d. performed     |
| <b>5. fell</b>       | e. not less than |
| <b>6. start</b>      | f. dropped       |
| <b>7. retaliate</b>  | g. starts        |
| <b>8. protect</b>    | h. rapidly       |
| <b>9. quickly</b>    | i. concerned     |
| <b>10. at least</b>  | j. fight back    |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. waiting to see if a trade war breaks     | a. in Seoul fell by 3% |
| 2. plans to hit Chinese companies           | b. ugly                |
| 3. issue tariffs on up to \$60 billion      | c. exchange            |
| 4. stocks and shares                        | d. further             |
| 5. New York's Wall Street stock             | e. the USA and China   |
| 6. we believe China will                    | f. with trade tariffs  |
| 7. And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate | g. least \$100 billion |
| 8. This can turn                            | h. out                 |
| 9. the trade imbalance between              | i. retaliate           |
| 10. reduce this imbalance by at             | j. of Chinese imports  |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

The world is waiting to see if a trade war (1) \_\_\_\_\_ out between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia did (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Friday's trading because investors are worried about U.S. President Donald Trump's plans to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese companies with trade tariffs. A tariff is a tax a country puts on goods and services coming in from other countries. President Trump has warned China he will (4) \_\_\_\_\_ tariffs on up to \$60 billion of Chinese (5) \_\_\_\_\_. China said it would issue its own tariffs in reply to Mr Trump. Tokyo's Nikkei share (6) \_\_\_\_\_ fell by more than 4 per cent on Friday, Shanghai's market was down more than 3 per cent, and stocks and (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Seoul fell by 3 per cent. There was also a fall on New York's Wall Street stock (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*issue*  
*badly*  
*shares*  
*breaks*  
*exchange*  
*imports*  
*hit*  
*index*

Experts on world trade are worried that the import tariffs could be the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of a global trade war. Trade researcher Robert Carnell said: "If the tariffs go (10) \_\_\_\_\_ as planned, then we believe China will retaliate. It is impossible to imagine that they cannot. And then we expect the U.S. to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ further. This can turn (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on a global scale very quickly." President Trump says he wants to (13) \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. workers and companies. Mr Trump is not happy with the trade (14) \_\_\_\_\_ between the USA and China. Experts believe that the USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA. Trump wants to try and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ this imbalance by at least \$100 billion with his (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*tariffs*  
*retaliate*  
*imbalance*  
*start*  
*reduce*  
*ahead*  
*protect*  
*ugly*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

- 1) The world is waiting to see if a trade war \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. break shout
  - b. breaks in
  - c. breaks out
  - d. breaks up
- 2) A tariff is a tax a country puts on goods \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. end services
  - b. in services
  - c. sand services
  - d. and services
- 3) China said it would issue its own tariffs \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Trump
  - a. on reply to
  - b. in reply to
  - c. up reply to
  - d. non-reply to
- 4) Tokyo's Nikkei share index fell by more than \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday
  - a. 4.4 per cent
  - b. 4 per cent
  - c. 0.4 per cent
  - d. 0.44 per cent
- 5) There was also a fall on New York's Wall Street \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. stock exchange
  - b. stock in change
  - c. stock exchanged
  - d. stock ex-changer
- 6) Experts on world trade are worried that the import tariffs could \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. been the starting
  - b. be the start
  - c. being the start
  - d. be the starts
- 7) If the tariffs go ahead as planned, then we believe China \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will repatriate
  - b. will retaliation
  - c. will retaliate
  - d. will retaliates
- 8) And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate further. This \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. can turns ugly
  - b. can turned ugly
  - c. can turn ugly
  - d. can turning ugly
- 9) Mr Trump is not happy with the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. trade in balance
  - b. trading balance
  - c. trading in balance
  - d. trade imbalance
- 10) Trump wants to try and reduce this imbalance \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 billion
  - a. by at lost
  - b. by at least
  - c. by at lest
  - d. by at last

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

The world is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ if a trade war breaks out between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday's trading because investors are worried about U.S. President Donald Trump's plans to hit Chinese companies (3) \_\_\_\_\_. A tariff is a tax a country puts on goods and services coming in from other countries. President Trump has warned China he will issue tariffs (4) \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 billion of Chinese imports. China said it would issue its own tariffs in reply to Mr Trump. Tokyo's Nikkei (5) \_\_\_\_\_ by more than 4 per cent on Friday, Shanghai's market was down more than 3 per cent, and stocks and shares in Seoul fell by 3 per cent. There was (6) \_\_\_\_\_ on New York's Wall Street stock exchange.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

1. How did stock markets do in Asia on Friday?
2. What is the name of a tax put on imports?
3. What is the value of Chinese goods Mr Trump wants to put tariffs on?
4. By how much did the Nikkei fall on Friday?
5. In which non-Asian stock market was there a fall in share prices?
6. What does Robert Carnell believe China will do if the US uses tariffs?
7. How did a researcher say things could turn?
8. Who does President Trump want to protect?
9. What is the value of the trade imbalance between the USA and China?
10. By how much does President Trump want to reduce the trade imbalance?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

- 1) How did stock markets do in Asia on Friday?
  - a) disastrously
  - b) OK
  - c) brilliantly
  - d) badly
- 2) What is the name of a tax put on imports?
  - a) charge
  - b) tariff
  - c) levy
  - d) Bob
- 3) What is the value of Chinese goods Mr Trump wants to put tariffs on?
  - a) around \$60 billion
  - b) exactly \$60 billion
  - c) over \$60 billion
  - d) up to \$60 billion
- 4) By how much did the Nikkei fall on Friday?
  - a) 0.4%
  - b) just less than 4%
  - c) over 4%
  - d) exactly 4%
- 5) In which non-Asian stock market was there a fall in share prices?
  - a) The Paris DAX
  - b) London's Stock Exchange
  - c) Dubai's stock market
  - d) New York's Wall Street exchange
- 6) What does Robert Carnell believe China will do if the US uses tariffs?
  - a) block U.S. goods
  - b) nothing
  - c) retaliate
  - d) laugh
- 7) How did a researcher say things could turn?
  - a) ugly
  - b) slowly
  - c) quickly
  - d) turn out nicely
- 8) Who does President Trump want to protect?
  - a) global investors
  - b) himself
  - c) U.S. workers
  - d) the people of the world
- 9) What is the value of the trade imbalance between the USA and China?
  - a) \$358 billion
  - b) \$385 billion
  - c) \$835 billion
  - d) \$583 billion
- 10) By how much does President Trump want to reduce the trade imbalance?
  - a) not less than \$100 billion
  - b) 4% of \$100 billion
  - c) not more than \$100 billion
  - d) \$100 billion a year

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Tea Sets**

You think tea sets are the best things China makes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fans, silk dresses or electronics.

## **Role B – Fans**

You think fans are the best things China makes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): tea sets, silk dresses or electronics.

## **Role C – Silk Dresses**

You think silk dresses are the best things China makes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fans, tea sets or electronics.

## **Role D – Electronics**

You think electronics are the best things China makes. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): fans, silk dresses or tea sets.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'trade' and 'war'.

<b>trade</b>	<b>war</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• waiting</li><li>• investors</li><li>• tax</li><li>• reply</li><li>• 4</li><li>• fall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• start</li><li>• ahead</li><li>• imagine</li><li>• ugly</li><li>• buys</li><li>• least</li></ul>
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# TRADE WAR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

Write five GOOD questions about trade war in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# TRADE WAR DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'trade'?
3. What do you know about trade wars?
4. How serious would a trade war between the USA and China be?
5. How would a trade war affect you?
6. How good is your country at global trade?
7. What are your country's biggest exports?
8. What imported goods do you buy?
9. Why do countries want to put tariffs on goods?
10. What happens when stock market values fall?

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# TRADE WAR DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'war'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do countries have trade wars?
15. How do trade wars start?
16. How ugly could this trade war be?
17. Is President Trump right to protect U.S. workers?
18. Who would win a trade war between the USA and China?
19. Should China buy more from the USA?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leaders?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |             |            |            |
|-----|----------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1.  | (a) see        | (b) seen    | (c) seeing | (d) sees   |
| 2.  | (a) bad        | (b) bladder | (c) badly  | (d) baldly |
| 3.  | (a) whack      | (b) punch   | (c) hit    | (d) wallop |
| 4.  | (a) the others | (b) another | (c) others | (d) other  |
| 5.  | (a) at         | (b) of      | (c) in     | (d) up     |
| 6.  | (a) shapes     | (b) shares  | (c) shaves | (d) shades |
| 7.  | (a) report     | (b) import  | (c) port   | (d) sport  |
| 8.  | (a) come       | (b) go      | (c) do     | (d) take   |
| 9.  | (a) except     | (b) excerpt | (c) expect | (d) exact  |
| 10. | (a) stunning   | (b) plain   | (c) pretty | (d) ugly   |
| 11. | (a) trad       | (b) tread   | (c) tirade | (d) trade  |
| 12. | (a) last       | (b) lost    | (c) lest   | (d) least  |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. nvsioters are worried
2. A ratiff is a tax
3. Chinese piromts
4. China said it would siuse its own
5. Tokyo's Nikkei share niedx
6. New York's Wall Street stock hceaxgne

## Paragraph 2

7. perexts on world trade
8. the start of a lbogal trade war
9. we believe China will eiatalter
10. ptcetor U.S. workers
11. not happy with the trade aicamelnb
12. the USA buys \$385 bniolil more goods

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) scale very quickly." President Trump says he wants to protect U.S. workers and companies. Mr Trump is not
- ( ) countries. President Trump has warned China he will issue tariffs on up to \$60 billion of Chinese
- ( ) hit Chinese companies with trade tariffs. A tariff is a tax a country puts on goods and services coming in from other
- ( **1** ) The world is waiting to see if a trade war breaks out between the USA and China. Stock markets in Asia did
- ( ) retaliate. It is impossible to imagine that they cannot. And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate further. This can turn ugly on a global
- ( ) trade war. Trade researcher Robert Carnell said: "If the tariffs go ahead as planned, then we believe China will
- ( ) and shares in Seoul fell by 3 per cent. There was also a fall on New York's Wall Street stock exchange.
- ( ) Experts on world trade are worried that the import tariffs could be the start of a global
- ( ) USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China than China buys from the USA. Trump
- ( ) imports. China said it would issue its own tariffs in reply to Mr Trump. Tokyo's Nikkei share index fell
- ( ) wants to try and reduce this imbalance by at least \$100 billion with his tariffs.
- ( ) happy with the trade imbalance between the USA and China. Experts believe that the
- ( ) by more than 4 per cent on Friday, Shanghai's market was down more than 3 per cent, and stocks
- ( ) badly in Friday's trading because investors are worried about U.S. President Donald Trump's plans to

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

1. trade see if to war Waiting out . breaks a
2. tariffs . issue China warned has Trump will he
3. own reply . issue its tariffs in It would
4. market was 3% . Shanghai's than down more
5. Seoul by fell and Stocks 3% . in shares
6. Tariffs global could trade war . a start
7. U.S. We the retaliate further . to expect
8. on turn ugly global This a can scale .
9. not is Mr imbalance . Trump trade with happy the
10. try imbalance . and to wants Trump reduce this

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1803/180325-trade-war.html>

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Experts on *worldly / world* trade are worried that the import tariffs could be the start *for / of* a global trade war. Trade researcher Robert Carnell said: "If the tariffs *go / come* ahead as planned, then we believe China will *repatriate / retaliate*. It is impossible to imagine that they cannot. And then we expect the U.S. to retaliate *farther / further*. This can turn ugly on a *global / globally* scale very quickly." President Trump says he wants to protect U.S. workers and companies. Mr Trump is not happy with the *trade / traded* imbalance between the USA and China. *Expats / Experts* believe that the USA buys \$385 billion more goods from China *that / than* China buys from the USA. Trump wants to try and *reduce / reduction* this imbalance by at least \$100 billion with his tariffs.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TRADE WAR:** Make a poster about trade wars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WORLD TRADE:** Write a magazine article about a world trade organization setting all the rules for world trade. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on trade wars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how the USA and China can avoid a trade war. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F    b F    c T    d F    e F    f T    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. breaks out | a. starts        |
| 2. did        | b. performed     |
| 3. worried    | c. concerned     |
| 4. reply      | d. response      |
| 5. fell       | e. dropped       |
| 6. start      | f. beginning     |
| 7. retaliate  | g. fight back    |
| 8. protect    | h. safeguard     |
| 9. quickly    | i. rapidly       |
| 10. at least  | j. not less than |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Badly
2. Tariff
3. Up to \$60 billion
4. Over 4%
5. New York's Wall Street Exchange
6. Retaliate
7. Ugly
8. U.S. workers
9. \$385 billion
10. At least \$100 billion

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Waiting to see if a trade war breaks out.
2. Trump has warned China he will issue tariffs.
3. It would issue its own tariffs in reply.
4. Shanghai's market was down more than 3%.
5. Stocks and shares in Seoul fell by 3%.
6. Tariffs could start a global trade war.
7. We expect the U.S. to retaliate further.
8. This can turn ugly on a global scale.
9. Mr Trump is not happy with the trade imbalance.
10. Trump wants to try and reduce this imbalance.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)