

## China's Huawei rejects US criminal charges

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A new diplomatic spat has broken out between China and the USA over the USA's treatment of China's technology giant Huawei. The USA has accused Huawei of criminal wrongdoing. It has charged the company with a litany of crimes, including bank fraud, wire fraud,

conspiracy to defraud the United States, and theft of trade secrets. The director of the FBI explained the charges at a press conference. He told reporters: "The charges [disclosed] today are the result of years of investigative work conducted by the FBI and our law enforcement partners. [These] charges expose Huawei's brazen and persistent actions to exploit American companies and financial institutions and to threaten the free and fair global marketplace."

China is furious over the USA's treatment of Huawei. It has accused the USA of trying to "kill" Chinese businesses. A spokesman from China's Foreign Ministry, Geng Shuang, said in a statement on Tuesday: "For some time now, the United States has deployed its state power to smear and crack down on targeted Chinese companies in an attempt to kill their normal and legal business operations." He added: "We strongly urge the US to stop its unreasonable crackdown on Chinese companies, including Huawei, and treat Chinese companies objectively and fairly." He warned that: "China will firmly safeguard the legitimate and proper rights of Chinese companies."

Sources: [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) / [fbi.gov](http://fbi.gov) / [smcp.com](http://smcp.com)

### Writing

A trade war between China and the USA will not harm the world. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

diplomatic / spat / technology / criminal / conspiracy / conference / partners / free / furious / businesses / statement / crackdown / legal / fairly / safeguard / companies

### True / False

- a) China and the USA are in a diplomatic spat over the company Huawei. T / F
- b) The USA has accused Huawei of wire fraud. T / F
- c) Investigators from the FBI looked into Huawei for several years. T / F
- d) The FBI said Huawei threatened the free and fair global marketplace. T / F
- e) China said the USA was trying to kill Chinese businesses. T / F
- f) China said the USA was trying to spear some Chinese companies. T / F
- g) China asked the USA to stop its reasonable crackdown. T / F
- h) The article said China would defend its property rights. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>spat</b>       | a. effort     |
| 2. <b>accused</b>    | b. revealed   |
| 3. <b>litany</b>     | c. angry      |
| 4. <b>disclosed</b>  | d. blamed     |
| 5. <b>persistent</b> | e. damage     |
| 6. <b>furious</b>    | f. protect    |
| 7. <b>smear</b>      | g. argument   |
| 8. <b>attempt</b>    | h. encourage  |
| 9. <b>urge</b>       | i. list       |
| 10. <b>safeguard</b> | j. determined |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Huawei?
- b) Who do you believe in this story?
- c) How have Chinese companies become so strong?
- d) Why is the USA angry with Huawei?
- e) Why has the FBI been investigating Huawei?
- f) Is the global marketplace 'free and fair'?
- g) What will happen if the FBI charges are true?
- h) Where will US-China trade relations be in ten years from now?

## Phrase Match

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. A new diplomatic spat                | a. investigative work  |
| 2. criminal                             | b. crackdown           |
| 3. at a press                           | c. global marketplace  |
| 4. the result of years of               | d. time now            |
| 5. threaten the free and fair           | e. and fairly          |
| 6. China is furious over                | f. wrongdoing          |
| 7. For some                             | g. the USA's treatment |
| 8. legal business                       | h. has broken out      |
| 9. urge the US to stop its unreasonable | i. conference          |
| 10. treat Chinese companies objectively | j. operations          |

## Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about the trade war between China and the USA?
- What technology giant do you like most?
- Why might the USA be trying to 'kill' Chinese businesses?
- Has the USA tried to 'smear and crack down on' Chinese companies?
- What advice do you have for Huawei?
- What is the next step for the two countries?
- What questions would you like to ask Huawei's CEO?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. h	2. d	3. b	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. h	10. f

## Role Play

### Role A – Bank Fraud

You think bank fraud is the worst type of corporate crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): sabotage, tax evasion or theft of trade secrets.

### Role B – Theft of Trade Secrets

You think sabotage is the worst type of corporate crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): bank fraud, theft of trade secrets or tax evasion.

### Role C – Tax Evasion

You think tax evasion is the worst type of corporate crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): sabotage, bank fraud or theft of trade secrets.

### Role D – Sabotage

You think sabotage is the worst type of corporate crime. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least harmful of these (and why): theft of trade secrets, tax evasion or bank fraud.

## Speaking – Corporate crime

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • tax evasion | • bank fraud             |
| • pollution   | • theft of trade secrets |
| • corruption  | • bribery                |
| • forgery     | • sabotage               |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.