

AN INTERNAL REPORT

You work as an economist for a large European steel maker with global production. Every quarter you produce a report on the conditions in the world economy to circulate to all sales and marketing divisions in the group. To prepare your report, you have just downloaded the latest data on the world economy. Look at the table and complete the executive summary of the report. Your summary should present a factual overview of the current conditions in the world economy. You will need to use different kinds of language in the report.

- Use the following phrases to describe change and cause:
This is due to ...
This is the result of ...
This is because of ...
- Use **MODALS** used to describe **degrees of probability** (homework exercises)
- Use economic words provided in Student's book, p.40:
to grow – to decline; to suffer – to enjoy/to experience; buoyant – sluggish; etc.

NOTE: Use as an example the first paragraph on "Global economy" and the three excerpts on p.40.

	Growth this quarter	Economic cycle	Supply and demand	Causes	Forecast probabilities
GLOBAL ECONOMY	+3.7%	upturn	demand for commodities (very positive)	rises in living standards and investment in new factories	interest rate cuts (probable)
USA	+0.5%	recovery	consumer demand (positive)	large tax cuts and government spending	fall in the dollar (possible)
EUROZONE	-0.4%	downturn	factory closures to reduce capacity	rise in energy prices and high level of the euro	more public sector investment (probable)
JAPAN	-0.7%	recession	domestic demand (poor)	weak consumer spending + fall in exports	slump (possible)
EMERGING ECONOMIES	+6.25%	boom	factories investing to increase capacity	exports of cheap manufactured products and commodities	strong growth next year (certain)
STEEL	+4%	upturn	demand from housing and manufacturing sectors (very positive)	upturn in USA and recovery in housing markets	steel prices increase sharply (strong probability)

Title: Quarterly update on conditions in the world economy

Executive summary

GLOBAL ECONOMY

This quarter, the global economy is growing at 3.7%. Most economies are experiencing an upturn led by the recovery in the USA. Demand for commodities is strong. This is partly due to rises in living standards and mainly because of investment in manufacturing. We believe interest rates should fall over the next quarter.

USA

Currently, the USA _____ at 0.5%. The economy _____

EUROZONE

JAPAN

EMERGING MARKETS

COMMODITIES: STEEL
