

Down to Communication

www.downtobusinessenglish.com

Welcome to Down to Communication.

On the audio file you will hear sentences which contain the keywords from this episode of Down to Business English. (**D2B 125 - German Elections**).

You will hear the following:

1. The full sentence containing the keyword or phrase is played. It is followed by a short pause so you can mentally process the information.
2. Then the sentence is divided into 2-3 chunks (depending on the length of the sentence). After each 'chunk' there is a long pause. During this pause, try to repeat the chunk one or two times.
3. After the last chunk, you will hear the entire sentence again. You can shadow at the same time (or slightly behind the audio). AND there is another long pause after the whole sentence. During the pause, say the sentence out loud at least once. Imitate the speaker's speed, pronunciation, and intonation.
4. Finally, you will hear an audible signal that indicates the start of the next sentence.
5. The process (steps 1-4) will repeat for each of the keywords.



From **D2B 125 – German Elections**

1. We had a **coalition** in Britain between the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrat party from 2010 till 2015.
2. But those talks **collapsed**, once again over immigration issues.
3. Well, Australia had ordered the battery to **shore up** their weak power grid system.
4. ... and this fall in popularity for Merkel could **prove much worse**.
5. And I understand that the situation in the Middle East is pretty **precarious** right now.
6. Remember that Germany, the largest and strongest economy in the EU, **is in the driving seat** in these negotiations.