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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. (**121 - Hurricanes: Their impact on the financial bottom line.**)

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 **121 - Hurricanes: Their impact on the financial bottom line.**

1. ... you said you wanted to make a **retraction** on something we reported on recently
2. When I referred to it as an island, it was more a **slip of the tongue** than anything else.
3. ... then **on the heels of** Irma came Maria.
4. ... as a business podcast we should look closer at the financial and other business **ramifications** of these Hurricanes so far in 2017.
5. Of course taxpayers are going **to be on the hook** for a lot of that as governments will be paying a lot in relief funds and rebuilding infrastructure.