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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. (**D2B 124 - The Opioid Crisis in America**).

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 124 - The Opioid Crisis in America**

1. ... the US has been fighting a war on drugs for decades now and they just don't seem to be **making any headway**.
2. So, I thought today on D2B we could help **shed some light on** the Sacklers and their connection to the Opioid crisis.
3. Studies have shown that there are somewhere **in the neighborhood of** 2.5 million people dependent on opioid based drugs.
4. Arthur, the oldest brother also happened to be **a pioneer** in the field of medical advertising and marketing.
5. I am just **flabbergasted**. For Purdue to plead guilty to those charges, there must have been a mountain of evidence against them.
6. ... experts say that the industry could be facing a similar fate to what big tobacco went through 20 years ago. **Paying through the nose** in wrongful death settlements and being slapped with heavy government regulations.