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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 123 - The Federal Reserve System**).

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 123 - The Federal Reserve System**

1. Very, very funny Dez, but don't be **flippant**.
2. ... given the recent **animosity** between the North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un and the President.
3. And the feeling among the people was that banks favoring its majority owners, big business, over **the man in the street**.
4. President Andrew Jackson did not renew the charter for the bank so it was **disbanded**.
5. The difference being that the currency had the **de facto** support of the US government.