

# Down to Communication

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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 120 - Venezuela: the economic impact of a political crisis**).

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 120 - Venezuela: the economic impact of a political crisis**

1. There's a **whole raft of other issues** strictly linked to politics and economics and therefore business.
2. It has been quite **a bumpy ride** for them in the last year or so.
3. And those policies, **if memory serves me correctly**, spent a lot of the government's revenue on social welfare programs.
4. This kind of **deep-seated** corruption is what led to more and more opposition to Maduro's presidency.
5. But after the opposition won a majority Maduro **stacked** the Supreme court with judges who supported him.
6. Is there anything he can do to **retaliate against** the US sanctions?