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Unit 2: Speaking Skill

Speaking Tip

Before you start speaking, think about the main ideas you want to explain. Don't worry about using perfect English. The most important thing is to communicate your ideas clearly and confidently.

Useful Vocabulary

You may use some of the following words in your recording:

- archive
- authenticity
- bias
- diary
- document
- evidence
- eyewitness
- interpretation
- oral source
- primary source
- reliability

- secondary source
- verification
- written source
- visual source

Useful Expressions

- A historical source is...
- Primary sources...
- Secondary sources...
- Historians use evidence to...
- According to the source...
- This source provides information about...
- In my opinion...
- One example is...
- I think this source is reliable because...
- Historians compare different sources to...

Self-Assessment Checklist

After recording your audio, listen to it again and answer these questions:

- ☐ Did I answer all four questions?
- ☐ Did I speak for at least 2 minutes?
- ☐ Did I use some of the vocabulary from this unit?

- ☐ Did I explain the difference between primary and secondary sources?
- ☐ Did I speak clearly and at a natural pace?

Optional Challenge

Choose a historical source (for example, a photograph, a diary, a map or a newspaper article). Speak for one additional minute explaining:

- what type of source it is;
- what information it provides;
- whether you think it is reliable, and why.