

LKS2 (Year 3 and 4) Oracy Challenge: *“Life as a Coal Miner”*

 Big Idea:

Children give a short talk about: **“What was life like for coal miners in Yorkshire?”**

Task

Prepare and deliver a **short speech** explaining what life was like for coal miners.


They can include:

- what the job was like
- what the conditions were like
- how people might have felt
- what was difficult or dangerous

Simple Structure (3 parts)

1. Introduction


- Say what you are talking about

 Sentence starters:

- “I am going to talk about life as a coal miner.”
- “Coal mining was an important but difficult job.”

2. Main Part


- Describe the job and conditions

 Sentence starters:

- “Miners worked underground in dark tunnels.”
- “The job was hard because...”
- “It could be dangerous because...”

3. Ending

- Give a final thought or feeling

 Sentence starters:

- “I think this job was...”
- “Life as a miner must have been...”
- “It shows that...”

Success Criteria (child-friendly)

- I speak clearly and confidently
- I talk about life in the mines
- I use full sentences
- I try to include feelings or opinions

Challenge Upgrade (for more confident speakers)

- Add a feeling word (e.g. tired, scared, proud)
- Give one extra fact
- Use a question to the audience (e.g. “Would you like this job?”)