

# Unit 2

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## From Cave to Computer

### Use What You Know

Reading about the past is easier if you talk about what you already know. Work with a partner. Read the text in the "Long Ago" column. Then, jot down what you know about those same ways of sending messages today.

Long Ago	Today
Televisions had small screens and were in black and white. You could only get two channels. Programs ran for a few hours a day.	
People who were having their photo taken had to stay still for hours. To keep the photo from fading, the photographer dipped it in salt. Each black and white photo was shot onto a large sheet of glass.	
Computers were programmed by punching holes in postcard-sized pieces of card. Each card had to be fed into the huge machine in the right order. That was the only way to tell the computer what to do. If you dropped the pile of cards – disaster!	
Letters or messages were sent by ship or by horse between cities. It often took months for a message to be delivered.	
Books were printed by hand. Illustrations were done using paints, gold leaf, and inks. Producing a book took several years. Books were very, very expensive and only a few people could read.	



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