

# Candidate 1 evidence

## Research

One source I used (APX8), a BBC article, showed me how many mortgages would expire each year. This source was up to date because it was published on February the 19<sup>th</sup> of this year.

Another article from the BBC (APX4), showed me the effects high interest rates are having on the population by using real personal examples. This article was objective, free from bias, as the BBC is an established news source and has journalistic standards to adhere to, as well as a pledge to objectivity.

The ONS website (APX6) was a cost-effective source because the information was freely available, and I did not have to pay to access it.

The article from CPER (APX2) was not very concise. This was because it had lots of irrelevant paragraphs and I had to dig to find information specifically relevant to my assignment, therefore it lacked time efficiency.

## Candidate 2 evidence

### Research

I used an article from FORBES to investigate how high interest rates can affect consumer spending. The article was up to date as it was published on 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

Another article I used was by the Guardian was about Government debt. It was high quality information due to the fact it was objective as it was written by a journalist with no connection to the government so therefore would be free from conscious or subconscious bias.

The Bank of England database was accurate because the rates were determined by them, so they will be historically accurate. This means the information is correct.

The Bank of England website was cost-effective as the information obtained was free to access and no payment was required.