

persuade

verb

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► Say it: per • suade

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

to convince someone to do or believe something

Synonym: influence

Antonym: dissuade

Example

The girl persuaded her parents to adopt a _____ from the animal shelter.



Present:

I/You/We/They

persuade

He/She/It

persuades

Past:

persuaded

• **Noun:** persuasion

• **Adjective:** persuasive

• **Adverb:** persuasively

• attempt to _____

We **attempted to persuade** our coach to end practice early, but she refused.

• fail to _____

Briana **failed to persuade** her sister to give her a ride to school.

• try to _____

Dennis is **trying to persuade** his aunt to give him money to go to the movies tonight.

Verbal Practice

Talk about it **Read** each sentence and **think** about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

❶ Sometimes we try to **persuade** our teacher to let us _____

❷ It can be very difficult to **persuade** young children to eat _____

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of persuade and appropriate content.

If someone tries to _____ you to do something you don't want to do, one way to get out of it is to _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of persuade and appropriate content.

Tracy _____ her teacher to give her more time to do her book report by saying that _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use persuade in the *simple past tense*. In your second sentence, use persuade with the word partner *try to persuade*.

① _____

 ② _____

grammar tip

To make the simple past tense of regular verbs, add *-ed* or *-d*.

He persuaded me to go.
 We played tennis today.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of persuade and original content.

Most people have found themselves in a situation where someone tries to _____
 ① _____ them to do something they don't want to do.
 Sometimes it can be _____
 ② _____ to tell someone "no," especially if he or she is a _____
 ③ _____ or someone you know from school. What are some _____
 ④ _____ for dealing with peer pressure? If someone attempts to _____
 ⑤ _____ you to do something dangerous or illegal, you should get out of the situation immediately. Walk away, tell them "no thanks," or ask a _____
 ⑥ _____ to come over as a distraction. You are an independent person—don't let anyone _____
 ⑦ _____ you to do something you don't want to do.