

convincing


adjective

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► Say it: con • vinc • ing

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example	
making you believe something <i>Antonym:</i> unconvincing	Kara didn't think that Sid's _____ for missing their _____ was very convincing.	
Family		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Verb:</i> convince• <i>Adverb:</i> convincingly		
Word Partners		
• _____ argument	When you write a persuasive essay, the first thing you need is a convincing argument .	
• _____ evidence	The prosecutor lacked convincing evidence , so the jury let the defendant go free.	
• _____ explanation	Mr. Trakas gave a convincing explanation of how caterpillars become butterflies.	

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.

- 1 " _____ " is not a **convincing** explanation for failing to turn in your homework.
- 2 I think that _____ gave a very **convincing** performance in the movie _____.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using **convincing** and appropriate content.

The most _____ explanation for why people have different personalities is that _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using **convincing** and appropriate content.

One _____ argument for owning an MP3 player is that _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **convincing** with a *plural noun*. In your second sentence, use **convincing** with the word partner *convincing explanation*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Adjectives do not have plural forms. Do not add an *-s* to adjectives when they describe plural nouns.

convincing arguments

loud dogs

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using **convincing** and original content.

Joining your school's debate team can help you develop many valuable

_____ ① both inside and outside of the classroom. First of all,

you will improve your ability to make _____ ② arguments for and

against many topics because debating requires you to examine an issue from many

_____ ③ in order to thoroughly understand it. Second, you will learn

to work effectively with a team to brainstorm ideas and solve _____ ④.

Third, you will improve your public speaking abilities and gain _____ ⑤

performing in front of an audience. All of these skills are useful in the classroom as well as in

professional _____ ⑥ later in your life. If you are able to clearly articulate

your opinions and present _____ ⑦ ideas, you will certainly become

a leader in whichever field you choose.