

convince

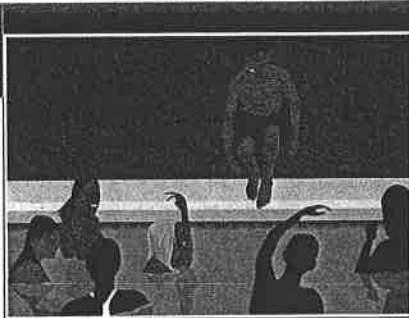
verb

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► Say it: con • vince

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning		Example	
to persuade someone to do or believe something		At first Ian didn't want to go _____, but we finally convinced him to jump in the _____.	
			
Forms		Family	
<i>Present:</i> I/You/We/They convince He/She/It convinces <i>Past:</i> convinced		• <i>Adjective:</i> convincing	
Word Partners			
• manage to _____ someone		Emma managed to convince her little sister that the tooth fairy was real.	
• try to _____ someone		Paul tried to convince his friend Molly that he saw a UFO, but she didn't believe him.	

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.
- Last weekend my friend **convinced** me to go to _____.
 - If someone started a rumor about me, I would try to **convince** everyone that _____.

Writing Practice

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

Our class will try to _____ our teacher that we should go on a field trip to _____.

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

You could never _____ me to believe that _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **convince** in the *simple past tense*. In your second sentence, use **convince** with the modal verb *will*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Modal verbs are helping verbs that give additional meaning to the main verb. *Will* can be used to express a prediction.

I will convince Jamal to come with us.

They will win this game.

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

Psychologists have determined that there are a number of clues people can use to _____
 ① _____ whether someone is telling a lie. First, look at the person's eyes while they are speaking to you. People who are lying often have _____
 ② _____ making eye contact. Some people, however, are aware of this tendency and will actually maintain intense eye contact in order to _____
 ③ _____ you that their story is true! Second, listen to the person's voice. People tend to _____
 ④ _____ at a higher pitch when they lie. Finally, _____
 ⑤ _____ the content of the story itself for any irregularities. If you ask the person for more information, they may have trouble _____
 ⑥ _____ you small details. These clues may help you realize if someone is lying to you—even if they try to _____
 ⑦ _____ you otherwise.