

# 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 <b>convincing</b> .



**Family**

- *Verb:* convince
- *Adverb:* 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*.

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 ② \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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.