

persuade

verb

► Say it: per • suade

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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.



Forms

Present:

I/You/We/They
He/She/It

persuade
persuades

Past:

persuaded

Family

- **Noun:** persuasion
- **Adjective:** persuasive
- **Adverb:** persuasively

Word Partners

- 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.

- 1 Sometimes we try to **persuade** our teacher to let us _____.
- 2 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 _____ them to do something they don't want to do.

Sometimes it can be _____ to tell someone "no," especially if he or she is a _____ or someone you know from school. What

are some _____ for dealing with peer pressure? If someone attempts to _____ you to do something dangerous or illegal,

you should get out of the situation immediately. Walk away, tell them "no thanks," or ask a _____ to come over as a distraction. You are an independent

person—don't let anyone _____ you to do something you don't want to do.