

convince

[kən'vɪns] *v*

1) убеждать, уверять

to convince smb. that he is mistaken - убедить кого-л. в том, что он ошибается

to be convinced - убедиться; быть убеждённым

he has convinced himself that his method is the best - он уверил себя /убедился/, что его метод самый лучший

2) (of) убедить (в чём-л.); довести до чьего-л. сознания

to convince smb. of one's sincerity [innocence] - убедить кого-л. в своей искренности [невиновности]

to convince smb. of one's errors [sins] - заставить кого-л. осознать свои ошибки [грехи]

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con·vince *AW* [**convince** **convinces** **convinced** **convincing**] *BrE* [kən'vɪns]

NAmE [kən'vɪns] *verb*

1. to make sb/yourself believe that sth is true

• ~ **sb/yourself (of sth)** You'll need to convince them of your enthusiasm for the job.

• ~ **sb/yourself (that)...** I'd convinced myself (that) I was right.

• The experience convinced him that Europe was on the brink of a revolution

2. ~ **sb to do sth** to persuade sb to do sth

• I've been trying to convince him to see a doctor.

Verb forms: *verb forms*

present simple	
I / you / we / they	convince
	BrE /kən'vɪns/
	NAmE /kən'vɪns/
he / she / it	convinces
	BrE /kən'vɪnsɪz/
	NAmE /kən'vɪnsɪz/
past simple, past participle	convinced
	BrE /kən'vɪnst/
	NAmE /kən'vɪnst/
-ing form	convincing
	BrE /kən'vɪnsɪŋ/
	NAmE /kən'vɪnsɪŋ/

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in the sense 'overcome, defeat in argument'): from Latin **convincere**, from **con-** 'with' + **vincere** 'conquer'. Compare with **convict**.

Thesaurus:

convince *verb*

1. **T**

• I wasn't convinced by her arguments.

persuade • |formal **satisfy** •

convince/persuade/satisfy sb **of sth**

convince/persuade/satisfy sb **that...**

convince/persuade/satisfy **yourself**

2. **T**

• I convinced him to see a doctor.

persuade • • **get** • • **talk sb into sth** • • **win sb over** • • **coax** • • **cajole** •

convince sb/persuade sb/get sb/be coaxed/be cajoled **to do sth**

try to convince sb to do sth/persuade sb/get sb to do sth/talk sb into sth/win sb over/coax sb

Convince or persuade? You can **persuade sb to do sth** in many ways, for example by making them believe it is right, or by showing them that they will gain sth from it

• He was persuaded by bribes to reverse his judgement.

When you **convince sb to do sth** you usually make them believe that it is the right or the best thing to do

• He convinced me to get legal advice.

This meaning of **convince** is used more in American English than British; many speakers of British English prefer always to use **persuade** in this meaning.

Which Word?:

persuade / convince

The main meaning of persuade is to make someone agree to do something by giving them good reasons for doing it: ▫ I tried to persuade her to see a doctor. The main meaning of convince is to make someone believe that something is true: ▫ He convinced me he was right.

It is quite common, however, for each of these words to be used with both meanings, especially for convince to be used as a synonym for persuade: ▫ I persuaded/convinced her to see a doctor. Some speakers of *BrE* think that this is not correct.

Example Bank:

• I had convinced myself (that) I was right.

- I wasn't convinced by her arguments.
- She has managed to convince even the sceptics.
- The events in Paris convinced him that Europe was on the brink of revolution

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convince **S3 W3 AC** /kən'vɪns/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

[**Word Family**: adjective: ↑convinced ≠ ↑unconvinced, ↑convincing ≠ ↑unconvincing; verb: ↑convince; adverb: ↑convincingly ≠ ↑unconvincingly]

[**Date**: 1500-1600; **Language**: Latin; **Origin**: convincere 'to prove untrue, convict, prove', from com- (⇒ COM-) + vincere 'to defeat']

1. to make someone feel certain that something is true:

" Her arguments didn't convince everyone, but changes were made.

convince somebody (that)

" Baker had to convince jurors that his client had been nowhere near the scene of the murder.

convince somebody of something

" The officials were eager to convince us of the safety of the nuclear reactors.

2. to persuade someone to do something **SYN persuade**

convince somebody to do something

" I've been trying to convince Jean to come with me.

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THESAURUS

- **persuade** to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it: I persuaded her to change her mind. | Do you think you can persuade him to lend us the money?
- **talk somebody into (doing) something** to persuade someone to do something, especially something they do not really want to do: Why did I let you talk me into this? | He finally talked her into going on a date with him.
- **get somebody to do something** to make someone do something by persuading or asking them: If we can't get a taxi I'll get Joe to pick us up. | I know how to get you to kiss me.
- **convince** to persuade someone that they should do something, because it is the best or the right thing to do. Some British speakers think this use is incorrect, and prefer to use **persuade**: It would be difficult to convince him to move.
- **encourage** to try to persuade someone to do something, especially because you think it will be good for them: Children should be encouraged to read all kinds of books.
- **influence** to have an effect on what someone decides to do: What influences you to buy clothes?
- **coax** to persuade someone to do something by talking gently and kindly: I tried to coax him to eat a little.
- **cajole** /kə'dʒəʊl \$ -'dʒoʊl/ to persuade someone to do something by praising them or making promises to them: He hoped to cajole her into selling her house.
- **put somebody up to something** to persuade or encourage someone to do something wrong or stupid: Who put you up to this?
- **dissuade formal** to persuade someone not to do something: How do you dissuade young people from experimenting with drugs?

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