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# Phrases

## TO PERSUADE SOMEONE TO DO STH

Synonym  
convince

### **Rope sb in**

to persuade someone to do something that they do not really want to do

- Everyone was roped in to help with the show.

### **Wheel sb into doing sth**

to persuade sb to do sth by saying nice things that you do not mean

- She wheedled me into lending her my new coat.

### **Talk sb into doing sth**

to persuade someone to do sth

- I talked her into going to London with me.

### **Cajole/Coax sb into doing sth**

To persuade sb to do something by saying nice things to them.

- He really knows how to cajole people into doing what he wants.
- She coaxed me into joining the group.

### **Inveigle sb into doing sth (formal)**

to persuade sb in a clever and dishonest way to do sth they do not want to do.

- She inveigled me into taking messages to her lover.

### **Coerce sb into doing sth (formal)**

to force sb to do sth they do not want to do by threatening them

- The rebels coerced the villagers into hiding them from the army.

### **talk sb around**

to persuade sb to agree with you or to do what you want, when they have previously been against it:

- Some board members are opposed to the merger, but it may be possible to talk them round.

### **Bring sb around**

to persuade sb to have the same opinion as you have:

- At first they refused but I managed to bring them around (to my way of thinking).

### **Sweet-talk sb into doing sth**

to talk to sb very nicely so that they will do what you want.

- He tried to sweet-talk the policewoman who arrested him.

### **Smooth-talk sb into doing sth**

to persuade sb, talking very politely and confidently, but in a way that may not be honest or sincere

- She smooth-talked me into accepting.

### **twist someone's arm**

to persuade someone to do what you want by making it very difficult for him or her to refuse.

- No one twisted my arm about coming to see you.