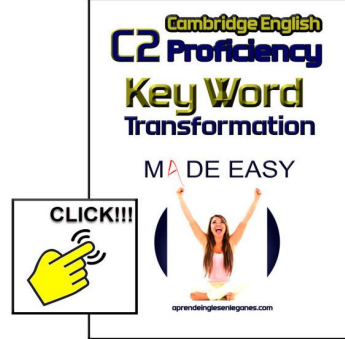


TO PERSUADE

SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING

VERBS & PHRASES



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Rope somebody in

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

- Everyone was roped in to help with the show.

Wheedle somebody into doing something

to persuade somebody to do something by saying nice things that you do not mean

- She wheedled me into lending her my new coat.

Talk somebody into doing something

to persuade someone to do something

- I talked her into going to London with me.

Cajole/Coax somebody into doing something

to persuade somebody 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 somebody into doing something (formal)

to persuade somebody in a clever and dishonest way to do something they do not want to do.

- She inveigled me into taking messages to her lover.

Coerce somebody into doing something (formal)

to force somebody to do something they do not want to do by threatening them

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

talk somebody around

to persuade somebody 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 somebody around

to persuade somebody 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 somebody 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 somebody into doing sth

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

- She smooth-talked me into accepting.
- She has a way of smooth-talking her way out of any difficult situation.

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.