

PERSUADING AND ENCOURAGING

A2-B1 | Functional language for encouraging someone to do something

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to encourage someone and give a positive reason.

Why don't you ...?

Why don't you ask the teacher?

You should ...

You should give it a try.

It might be a good idea to ...

It might be a good idea to book early.

Have you thought about ...?

Have you thought about joining the club?

I'm sure you can ...

I'm sure you can do it.

You have nothing to lose.

Apply for it - you have nothing to lose.

Give it a try.

Give it a try. You might enjoy it.

It could be fun.

Come with us. It could be fun.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one natural phrase to persuade or encourage someone in each situation.

1. Your friend is nervous about speaking English in class. Encourage them to try.

2. Your classmate wants a better job but is afraid to apply for one.

3. Your friend says they are bored at home. You want them to join a local sports club.

4. A colleague wants to visit a popular museum but thinks the tickets are expensive.

5. Your friend has never tried cooking Thai food and thinks it will be too difficult.

6. A classmate is thinking about taking an English exam but can't decide.

7. Your friend wants to travel alone but feels worried about it.

8. A colleague does not want to come to a team meal because they do not know the others well.

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3 Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to choose a phrase that suits the relationship and situation.

1. Why don't you try speaking English in class? I'm sure you can do it.

2. You should apply for one. You have nothing to lose.

3. Have you thought about joining a local sports club? It could be fun.

4. It might be a good idea to book early. You may find a cheaper ticket.

5. Give it a try. Cooking Thai food might be easier than you think.

6. You should take the exam. It could help you in the future.

7. Why don't you plan a short trip first? You might enjoy it.

8. Come with us. It could be a good way to get to know everyone.
