

PERSUADING

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for encouraging someone

Conversation: Joining a beginners class

Sophie	There's a dance class at the community centre, but I think I'd be the worst person there.
Adam	It's a beginners class. You should try one lesson before you decide.
Sophie	I don't want everyone watching me make mistakes.
Adam	They'll be learning, too. Why don't you come with me on Thursday? We can stand together.
Sophie	Are you really going? I thought you were busy that evening.
Adam	I've changed my plans. It could be fun . And the first lesson's free.
Sophie	Well, I suppose I could try it once. Do I need special shoes?
Adam	Just trainers. Give it a try . If you don't enjoy it, we don't have to go again.

Key phrases: You should / Why don't you / It could be fun. / Give it a try.

Conversation: Asking for a bigger role

Noah	The bookshop needs someone to organise the Saturday reading group. I'd love to, but I've never done it.
Ava	Have you thought about asking the manager what the job involves?
Noah	Not yet. What if she thinks I'm not ready? I've only worked there for three months.
Ava	She can tell you what you'd need to learn. You have nothing to lose . Asking doesn't mean you have to accept.
Noah	That's true. I already help customers choose books for their children.
Ava	Exactly. I'm sure you can use that experience. You're good at making people feel welcome.
Noah	Thanks. Maybe I'll speak to her after my shift.
Ava	It might be a good idea to take a couple of book suggestions with you. Then she'll see you've given it some thought.

Key phrases: Have you thought about / You have nothing to lose. / I'm sure you can / It might be a good idea to

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Encourage a friend to try an unfamiliar activity. Listen to their worry and offer practical reassurance.

Prompt 2: Persuade a friend to ask about an opportunity. Explain why exploring it is worth doing.