

**Put the words in brackets in the correct form: to-infinitive, bare infinitive, or -ing.**

Persuasion, as an art, \_\_\_\_\_ (involve / craft) compelling arguments that fundamentally shift perspectives. For instance, when my friend Tom \_\_\_\_\_ consider / relocate) to another city, it was our conversation that \_\_\_\_\_ (make him / open) his mind to the possibility. While in general he \_\_\_\_\_ (not mind / visit) other cities, he \_\_\_\_\_ (never / fancy / move) house. During a recent discussion, I tentatively remarked that it's no good \_\_\_\_\_ (stick) to old habits if they limit one's potential. To get him \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) the proposal seriously, I reminded Tom that embracing change often \_\_\_\_\_ (mean / step) out of one's comfort zone. I didn't mean \_\_\_\_\_ (offend) him, of course, and quickly clarified that my intention was genuinely supportive. As our conversation deepened, Tom turned to our earlier discussions, saying he \_\_\_\_\_ (remember / come) back inspired and reinvigorated. He \_\_\_\_\_ (go on / mention) how he once \_\_\_\_\_ (used to / work) in a smaller, less challenging environment, an experience he saw as limiting now that he \_\_\_\_\_ (be used to / hold) a more high-profile job - and claimed he \_\_\_\_\_ (not regret / make) a career shift. Together, we \_\_\_\_\_ (consider / move) as an opportunity for growth—personal and professional. I encouraged him by highlighting successful outcomes through change, and we \_\_\_\_\_ (try / ask) mutual friends about their experiences. Eventually, he \_\_\_\_\_ (end up / make) the choice and moved to Baltimore.