

Opinion Builder Answer Key

Sample Student Response (Prompt 1):

I enjoy reading mystery books because they make me think. I also like playing basketball with my friends. In the future, I want **to learn** how to play guitar. I also hope **to travel** to different countries and explore their cultures.

Analysis:

- Gerunds used: **reading, playing**
- Infinitives used: **to learn, to travel**
- Student correctly balanced both forms in natural sentences.

Teacher Guide / Notes

- **Key verbs + gerunds:** enjoy, like, dislike, can't stand, admit, suggest, avoid.
- **Key verbs + infinitives:** want, plan, hope, agree, decide, offer.
- **Instruction tip:** Encourage students to draft first, then check if they included both forms. Color-coding (one color for gerunds, another for infinitives) can make patterns clearer.
- **Extension:** Ask students to swap papers with a partner and check each other's gerunds and infinitives for accuracy.
- **Higher-level challenge:** Require at least one verb that can take both forms (*like, love, start, remember*) and discuss any subtle meaning differences.