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Gerund & Infinitive Builders

Directions: You can make sentences longer and smoother by combining them with **gerund phrases** (verbs ending in *-ing* used as nouns) or **infinitive phrases** (*to* + *verb*). Read the pairs of sentences below and rewrite them as **one expanded sentence** using a gerund or infinitive. Below is an example.

- Original: She enjoys music. She plays the piano.
- Combined: She enjoys **playing the piano**.



1. He likes soccer. He plays it after school.

2. They want a dog. They hope to adopt one soon.

3. She needs a book. She will read it for her class.

4. We planned a trip. We will visit New York.

5. I enjoy movies. I watch them on weekends.

6. The teacher encouraged us. We should study harder.

7. He loves music. He listens to it while studying.

8. She decided. She will join the art club.