-ING Openers

A complete list of -ING Openers would be as endless as the list of verbs in a dictionary, but here are a few just to get you started. Add a prepositional phrase or other words in the dashed area. Finish the sentence by telling WHO DID WHAT.

Remember that the subject doing the ING’ing must be the same as the WHO doing what. The THING doing the INGing must follow the comma!

**Examples:**

Aching for a chocolate treat, Benedict raided the candy box.

**Holding** Mom’s hand, the toddler behaved well through the shopping trip.

Facing the crowd, WHO did what?

Falling from her perch, WHO did what?

Fighting ---, WHO did what?

Filling ---, WHO did what?

Flashing like lightning, WHO did what?

Gesticulating ---, WHO did what?

Glowing ---, WHO did what?

Grinning ---, WHO did what?

Hearing that ---, WHO did what?

Helping ---, WHO did what?

Hiding under ---, WHO did what?

Holding ---, WHO did what?

Howling like ---, WHO did what?

Jumping the fence, WHO did what?

Keeping ---, WHO did what?

Knowing ---, WHO did what?

Laying ----, WHO did what?

Learning that ---, WHO did what?

Leaving ---, WHO did what?

Lighting up the room, WHO did what?

Looking ---, WHO did what?

Locking the door, WHO did what?

Lying about the ---, WHO did what?

Moving ---, WHO did what?

Noticing ---, WHO did what?

Ousting the ---, WHO did what?

Passing ---, WHO did what?

Paying her bill, WHO did what?

Performing ---, WHO did what?

Picking his nose, WHO did what?

Praying that ---, WHO did what?

Preparing ---, WHO did what?

Providing ---, WHO did what?

Raising her hand, WHO did what?

Reading ---, WHO did what?

Rejoicing ---, WHO did what?

Resenting ---, WHO did what?

Sauntering ---, WHO did what?

Saving ---, WHO did what?

Serving ---, WHO did what?

Setting the record straight, WHO did what?

Shopping ---, WHO did what?

Sighing ---ly, WHO did what?

Smelling ---, WHO did what?

Speaking ---, WHO did what?

Suffering ---ly, WHO did what?

Taking his cue, WHO did what?

Teasing ---, WHO did what?

Thinking about ---, WHO did what?

Throwing ---, WHO did what?

Traveling ---, WHO did what?

Typing his paper, WHO did what?

Using ---, WHO did what?

Waiting for ---, WHO did what?

Watching ---, WHO did what?

Wearing ---, WHO did what?

Winning ---, WHO did what?

Wondering ---, WHO did what?

Worrying ---, WHO did what?

Writing ---, WHO did what?