

Outer ING Starter List

A complete list of **Outer ING Starters** 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 INGing **must be the same** as the WHO doing what. **The THING doING the INGing must follow the comma!**

For example,

Aching for a chocolate treat, **Ms. B.** raided the candy box.

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

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| Aching ---, WHO did what? | Jumping the fence, WHO did what? |
| Agreeing with ---, WHO did what? | Keeping ---, WHO did what? |
| Announcing ---, WHO did what? | Knowing ---, WHO did what? |
| Answering the phone, WHO did what? | Laying ----, WHO did what? |
| Arguing with ---, WHO did what? | Leaning on the ---, WHO did what? |
| Avoiding ----, WHO did what? | Learning that ---, WHO did what? |
| Awaiting ---, WHO did what? | Leaving ---, WHO did what? |
| Baking ---, WHO did what? | Lighting up the room, WHO did what? |
| Blasting ---, WHO did what? | Listing ---, WHO did what? |
| Breaking ---, WHO did what? | Locking the door, WHO did what? |
| Celebrating ---, WHO did what? | Lying about the ---, WHO did what? |
| Changing ---, WHO did what? | Moving ---, WHO did what? |
| Chasing the enemy, WHO did what? | Noticing ---, WHO did what? |
| Cheering for ---, WHO did what? | Ousting the ---, WHO did what? |
| Choosing ---, WHO did what? | Passing ---, WHO did what? |
| Circling the diver, WHO did what? | Paying her bill, WHO did what? |
| Climbing the tree, WHO did what? | Performing ---, WHO did what? |
| Connecting the dots, WHO did what? | Picking his nose, WHO did what? |
| Correcting ---, WHO did what? | Praying that ---, WHO did what? |
| Counting ---, WHO did what? | Preparing ---, WHO did what? |
| Crossing ---, WHO did what? | Providing ---, WHO did what? |
| Dashing through the snow, WHO did what? | Raising her hand, WHO did what? |
| Debating ---, WHO did what? | Reading ---, WHO did what? |
| Decorating the ---, WHO did what? | Rejoicing ---, WHO did what? |
| Defending himself, WHO did what? | Resenting ---, WHO did what? |
| Delaying ---, WHO did what? | Sauntering ---, WHO did what? |
| Drawing his sword, WHO did what? | Saving ---, WHO did what? |
| Dreading ---, WHO did what? | Serving ---, WHO did what? |
| Dreaming ----, WHO did what? | Setting the record straight, WHO did what? |
| Driving down the interstate, WHO did what? | Shopping ---, WHO did what? |
| Dropping ---, WHO did what? | Sighing ---ly, WHO did what? |
| Eluding ---, WHO did what? | Smelling ---, WHO did what? |
| Enjoying ---, WHO did what? | Speaking ---, WHO did what? |
| Facing the crowd, WHO did what? | Suffering ---ly, WHO did what? |
| Falling from her perch, WHO did what? | Taking his cue, WHO did what? |
| Fighting ---, WHO did what? | Teasing ---, WHO did what? |
| Filling ---, WHO did what? | Thinking about ---, WHO did what? |
| Flashing like lightning, WHO did what? | Throwing ---, WHO did what? |
| Gesticulating ---, WHO did what? | Traveling ---, WHO did what? |
| Glowing ---, WHO did what? | Typing his paper, WHO did what? |
| Grinning ---, WHO did what? | Using ---, WHO did what? |
| Hearing that ---, WHO did what? | Waiting for ---, WHO did what? |
| Helping ---, WHO did what? | Watching ---, WHO did what? |
| Hiding under ---, WHO did what? | Wearing ---, WHO did what? |
| Holding ---, WHO did what? | Winning ---, WHO did what? |
| Hoping ---, WHO did what? | Wondering ---, WHO did what? |
| Howling like ---, WHO did what? | Worrying ---, WHO did what? |
| Ignoring ---, WHO did what? | Writing ---, WHO did what? |