

“Who” versus “Whom”

“Who” and “Whom” are both pronouns that are used when you’re talking about someone else, but each one is used in a different grammatical situation.

“Who” refers to the subject of a sentence. It is the person the sentence is about or the person completing an action. *Who is coming with us?*

“Whom” refers to the object of a verb or preposition. It is the person receiving the action of the verb. *Whom did she invite?*

Quick Tip:

Ignoring anything before and any indications of gender,

- if you can replace the word with “he,” then use “who.”
- if you can replace the word with “him,” then use “whom.” (“Whom” usually also requires some rearrangement of the sentence)

Examples:

1. _____ would like to go on vacation?
2. _____ do you believe?
3. I do not know with _____ I will go to the prom.
4. _____ made these awesome quesadillas?
5. _____ should I talk to about my appointment?
6. _____ drives her mother’s car to school?
7. The car is driven to school by _____?
8. _____ should I vote for?
9. We wondered _____ the book was about.
10. Think about _____ is eligible for coverage.
11. Tomorrow we will announce _____ we selected.
12. _____, may I ask, is calling?

Answers:

1. **Who** (*He* would like to go on vacation.)
2. **Whom** (I believe *him*.)
3. **whom** (I will go to the prom with *him*.)
4. **Who** (*he* made these awesome quesadillas!)
5. **Whom** (I should talk to *him* about my appointment.)
6. **Who** (*he* drives her mother's car to school)
7. **whom** (The car is driven to school by *him*.)
8. **Whom** (I should vote for *him*.)
9. **whom** (the book was about *him*.)
10. **who** (He is eligible for coverage.)
11. **whom** (We selected *him*.)
12. **Who** (*He* is calling.)