

Who and Whom

7h. The use of *who* or *whom* in a subordinate clause depends on how the pronoun functions in the clause.

EXAMPLES Who was that girl **whom** you were speaking to yesterday? [*Whom* is the object of the preposition *to* and is in the objective case.]
The snacks will go to **whoever** gets here first. [*Whoever* is the subject of *gets* and is in the nominative case.]

EXERCISE Underline the correct pronoun in parentheses in the following sentences.

Example 1. Do you know (who, *whom*) she's going to be for Halloween?

1. Carol wondered (*who*, *whom*) she should ask for directions.
2. The artist (*who*, *whom*) painted that mural was Diego Rivera.
3. I don't even know (*who*, *whom*) she is.
4. Lily had to figure out (*who*, *whom*) sent her the surprise package.
5. Jesse didn't know (*who*, *whom*) we were talking about at first.
6. You may invite (*whoever*, *whomever*) you wish.
7. Mr. Chow, to (*who*, *whom*) I made the phone call, is a real-estate broker.
8. (*Whoever*, *Whomever*) solves the mystery gets a free copy of the book.
9. Do you know (*who*, *whom*) your new neighbors are?
10. That woman to (*who*, *whom*) you gave the packages looks ill.
11. Did you see that actor, (*who*, *whom*) we met on the tour, autograph his picture?
12. Ask (*whoever*, *whomever*) scores the winning goal for an interview.
13. How does the conductor know from (*who*, *whom*) he must collect tickets?
14. Mrs. Park, (*who*, *whom*) I know well, gave me a ride home.
15. Except for Anoki and me, (*who*, *whom*) did you expect to meet here today?
16. Is this the lady (*who*, *whom*) made an appointment?
17. We will go fishing with (*whoever*, *whomever*) wants to join us.
18. The man (*who*, *whom*) you were talking to is my uncle.
19. For (*who*, *whom*) was the song written?
20. Bill will give the book to (*whoever*, *whomever*) he chooses.