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Who vs. Whom

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It's easy to confuse the words *who* and *whom*, especially because people often misuse them when speaking. This activity will help you keep them straight.

Who is used as a subject, meaning it performs the action of the verb.

Whom is used as an object, meaning it receives the action of the verb.

It also can be the object of a preposition (the word coming after a preposition).

Examples:

Who is creeping behind that curtain? (He is.)

I gave the money to Janice, **who** ran to buy medicine for her mother. (She ran.)

Whom do you want to win the presidential election? (You want whom?)

Everyone applauded when Eric, **whom** we awaited for hours, finally arrived. (We awaited him.)

Tomorrow I am meeting with a doctor, with **whom** I have an important appointment.

(I have an appointment with him.)

Directions: In the sentences below, circle "who" or "whom" to show which word is correct.

1. Everyone wants to know **who/whom** will run for class president.
2. Last year Sanna Jelmini, **who/whom** I admire very much, ran for office.
3. Unfortunately, a group of students **who/whom** disliked her spread false rumors about her.
4. This year I hope we have a candidate **who/whom** will stand up against such unfairness.
5. It's important to find someone for **who/whom** we feel enthusiastic.
6. **Who/Whom** might fill those shoes?
7. Mario Rivera, **who/whom** I sit next to in geography, seems interested in the job.
8. Greg Wilson, **who/whom** writes for the yearbook, also expressed interest.
9. In **who/whom** would you place your trust?
10. **Who/Whom** do you see as the strongest leader?