

PRONOUNS (4)

Interrogative Pronouns (08)

In context

3 min

What is an interrogative pronoun?



Who works in the lab?



What are these liquids?

Interrogative Pronouns

12 min

Interrogative pronouns are used to ask questions. They can be the subject or the object in the question. The main interrogative pronouns are: *who*, *whom*, *whose*, *what*, *which*.

Examples:

Who works in the lab? (subject)

Whom did you speak to? (object)

Whose is this shirt? (object)

What are these liquids? (object)

Which is the best? (subject)

Language Tips on Interrogative Pronouns

5 min

Interrogative pronouns can also be used as other parts of speech, such as interrogative adjectives or other types of pronouns.

Examples:

What sandwich do you want? (interrogative adjective)

The person *who* is coming is my manager. (relative pronoun)

Sometimes we use 'who' instead of 'whom'. The correct and formal way is 'whom'.

Examples:

Whom did you speak to? (formal)

Who did you speak to? (informal)

Writing Exercise

5 min

Match the 2 columns.

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| 1. Who | a. are you saying? |
| 2. Whom | b. told you that? |
| 3. Whose | c. are you speaking to? |
| 4. What | d. do you prefer? |
| 5. Which | e. are those scissors? |

Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete the sentences with one of the 2 choices.

1. _____ is she? (what / who)
2. _____ was this idea? (whom / whose)
3. _____ did he ask? (whom / whose)
4. _____ is the problem? (what / which)
5. He liked both computers, _____ did he finally buy? (which/whom)

Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Listen to your teacher's questions, then answer.

1. Whose was the car you first drove when you got your drivers license?
2. Whom do you ask for help when you have a computer problem?
3. What is the most interesting part of your job?
4. Which of your siblings are you the closest to?

Watch the Video!

10 min

This video lesson will help you better understand the difference between 'who' and 'whom'.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKlyLrvplUY&feature=related>

Watch it again and complete these 2 tips that can help you remember when to choose 'who' or 'whom' in a question.

1) You should use 'who' in your question if you can answer with the pronoun _____.

2) You should use 'whom' in your question if you can answer with the pronoun _____.

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

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| 1. Interrogative pronouns are used to ask questions. | true | false |
| 2. An interrogative pronoun is always the subject in a question. | true | false |
| 3. 'which' can be used as an interrogative pronoun, an interrogative adjective or a relative pronoun. | true | false |
| 4. Sometimes we use 'who' instead of 'whom'. | true | false |

Match the questions on the left to the answers on the right.

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| 1. Who called in the middle of the night? | a. His girlfriend dumped him. |
| 2. Whom is she smiling at? | b. The first oven we saw. |
| 3. Whose are those shoes? | c. Your grandmother did. |
| 4. What's the matter with him? | d. Some handsome guy. |
| 5. Which had the highest rating? | e. They're mine. |

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Complete the questions with the correct interrogative pronoun from this list, without using the same one twice: who, whom, whose, what, which.

1. _____ wants to come with me?
2. _____ are they doing in the park?
3. _____ sells the cheapest jacket?
4. _____ did you meet?
5. _____ is the tiara Kate is wearing?