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

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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<td>1. Who called in the middle of the night?</td>
<td>a. His girlfriend dumped him.</td>
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<td>2. Whom is she smiling at?</td>
<td>b. The first oven we saw.</td>
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<td>3. Whose are those shoes?</td>
<td>c. Your grandmother did.</td>
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<td>5. Which had the highest rating?</td>
<td>e. They’re mine.</td>
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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?