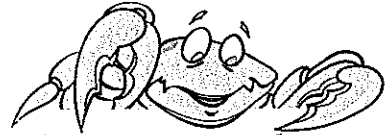


LESSON 20

Using *Who* and *Whom*



The pronoun **who** is used as a subject of a sentence or clause.

Who called me? (*Who* is the subject of the sentence.)

My brother asked who had called me. (*Who* is the subject of the dependent clause *who had called me*.)

The pronoun **whom** is used as the object of a preposition or as a direct object.

To whom did you give the assignment? (*Whom* is the object of the preposition *to*.)

This was an assistant whom he trusted. (*Whom* is the direct object of the verb *trusted* in the dependent clause *whom he trusted*.)

Whom did you see? (*Whom* is a direct object.)

You can check if *whom* should be used as a direct object.

Change the word order so that the subject comes first.

(*Whom* did you see? You did see *whom*?)

A Write the pronoun in () that correctly completes each sentence.

1. (Who, Whom) invested in Edison Electric Light Company?
2. With (who, whom) did Edison test ideas for an invention?
3. (Who, Whom) gave us the most valuable inventions?
4. The committee decided on (who, whom) they would award the Nobel Prize.
5. The helper (who, whom) worked hardest became the top assistant.
6. The scientist (who, whom) you met made a wonderful discovery.