

“Whom vs. Who”

STRATEGIES

WHO= subject (HE/THEY)

WHOM= object (HIM)

***Cross out all the words BEFORE the choice UNLESS the word right before it is a preposition. Then use the word “He” in the place of the choice and read the sentence forward. If it makes sense, the answer is WHO.

Ex: I admire Mel Pohl, (**who**, whom) grew up on a farm with nine siblings.
HE grew up on a farm with nine siblings.

Ex: (**Who**, Whom) called the meeting to order?
HE called the meeting to order.

***If there is a preposition right before the choice, the answer must be WHOM.

Ex: I will be traveling Cassie, **with** (who, **whom**) I enjoy the most.

Ex: **To** (who, **whom**) did the coat belong?

***Cross out all the words BEFORE the choice UNLESS the word before is a preposition. Then, if “he” doesn't work forward, try saying the sentence starting with the first word after the choice and ending with the word “HIM.” If it works, the answer is WHOM.

Ex: I saw the teacher (who, **whom**) you had.
You had HIM.

Once in a while, you will have to cut off the sentence early (at the preposition or even a verb).

Ex: The helper (**who**, whom) **worked the hardest** became the top assistant.
HE worked the hardest