

Using *Who* and *Whom*

Reteaching

The case of the pronoun *who* is determined by the pronoun's function in the sentence.

Nominative	Objective	Possessive
who, whoever	whom, whomever	whose, whosever

Who and *whom* can be used to ask questions and to introduce subordinate clauses.

Who is the nominative form. In a question, *who* is used as a subject or as a predicate pronoun. *Whom* is the objective form. In a question, *whom* is used as a direct or indirect object of a verb or as the object of a preposition.

Subject	<u>Who</u> discovered the tomb of King Tut?
Predicate nominative	The explorer was <u>who</u> ?
Object	With <u>whom</u> did Howard Carter work?

This is how to use *who* and *whom* when introducing subordinate clauses. When the pronoun functions as the subject in a subordinate clause, use *who*. When the pronoun functions as the object in a subordinate clause, use *whom*.

Subject of clause	It was Howard Carter <u>who</u> found the door of the tomb.
Object in clause	The ruler <u>whom</u> the ancient Egyptians buried in the tomb was Tutankhamen.

Using *Who* and *Whom* Correctly

Choose the correct pronoun from those in parentheses in the following sentences.

- (Who, Whom) was Tutankhamen?
- Before and after (who, whom) did he reign?
- King Tut was a young king (who, whom) ascended the throne when he was only nine years old.
- Aton was the single god (whom, who) the people of Egypt worshiped at that time.
- Although King Tut believed in Aton, there were many priests in Egypt (whose, whom) beliefs ran counter to the King's.
- After Tut's death and burial, priests (who, whom) rejected Aton tried to destroy all monuments to the young king.
- By (who, whom) was King Tut remembered after centuries?
- Archaeologist Howard Carter, for (who, whom) researching ancient Egypt was a lifelong obsession, found the tomb of King Tut while digging at the entrance to a nearby tomb.
- The people who stocked the tomb left both useful and beautiful things to be used in the afterlife by the king (who, whom) they respected and admired.
- Carter, (who, whose) reaction was great joy, was amazed at what he found.
- (Whoever, Whomever) had filled the tomb had left a variety of precious and historical objects, such as model ships, carved statues, gold jewelry, and weapons.
- (Who, Whom) believes in the so-called curse of King Tut?