

Who and Whom in English language



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<p>(a) The man is friendly. He lives next to me</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subject Verb ↓ who ↓ Subject Verb who lives next to me</p>	<p>In (a): <u>He</u> is a subject pronoun. He refers to “the man.” To make an adjective clause, change <u>he</u> to <u>who</u>. <u>Who</u> is a subject pronoun. <u>Who</u> refers to “the man.”</p>
<p>(b) The man <u>who</u> lives next to me is friendly.</p>	<p>In (b): An adjective clause immediately follows the noun it modifies. INCORRECT: The man is friendly who lives next to me.</p>
<p>(c) The man was friendly. I met him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Subject Verb Object ↓ whom</p>	<p>In (c): <u>him</u> is an object pronoun. <u>Him</u> refers to “the man.” To make an adjective clause, change <u>him</u> to <u>whom</u>. <u>Whom</u> is an object pronoun. <u>Whom</u> refers to “the man.” <u>Whom</u> comes at the beginning of an adjective clause.</p>
<p>(d) The man <u>whom</u> I met was friendly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Object Subject Verb whom I met.</p>	<p>In (d): An adjective clause immediately follows the noun it modifies. INCORRECT: The man was friendly whom I met.</p>

Adjective clauses with WHO and WHOM.

Directions: Complete the sentences with who or whom.

- The children _____ live down the street in the yellow house always polite.
- The children _____ watched in the park were feeding ducks in a pond.
- The people _____ we visited gave us tea and a light snack.
- I know some people _____ live on a boat.
- I talked to the woman _____ was sitting next to me.
- I saw the people _____ were playing football at the park.
- My mother is a person _____ I admire tremendously.
- Sally and Mark Johnsons still keep in touch with many of the students _____ they met in their English class five years ago.
- People _____ listen to very loud music may suffer gradual hearing loss.
- At the supermarket yesterday, one of the store employees caught a man _____ had put a beefsteak in his coat pocket and attempted to walk out without paying.
- The couple _____ I invited to dinner at my home were two hours late. I thought that was very rude. They didn't call. They didn't have an excuse. They didn't apologize. I'll never invite them again.

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