

Who is a subject pronoun. We used to use **whom** as an object pronoun, but in the U.S. most people do not use **whom** at all. EX: Gene is the basketball player **whom** we met at the concert. We use **who** instead. EX: Gene is the basketball player **who** we met at the concert. One of the few ways we use **whom** as an object pronoun is in "To **whom** am I speaking?" You would say this if you have called a place and you are not sure who has answered the phone.

Whose is a possessive pronoun. EX: whose book, whose dog, whose house.

Who's is a contraction of "who is" or "who has". EX: Who's the boy? Who's got the keys?

Study these examples. Explain the meaning of each sentence. Then fill in the blanks in the sentences with WHO, WHOSE or WHO'S

Steve is an architect whose designs have won many prizes.

Suzy is taking care of a dog whose legs were broken in an accident.

She knows the family whose house we bought.

Is that the girl who won the prize?

I asked the man who lives next door to water my plants.

I wonder who took the last cookie.

Who do you think will win the race?

Who's the boy in the red sweater?

Jim, who's usually on time, has not shown up yet.

She's the one who's always picking fights with me.

Who's taken the last copy of the lesson?

1. _____ camera is this?
2. The police asked me _____ car I was driving.
3. The professor _____ research we studied has asked me to work for him.
4. _____ going to win the election?
5. _____ do you think will win the election?
6. What are the names of the people _____ were at the party?
7. The park is being named for Dian Fossey _____ research on gorillas is famous.
8. _____ the woman who researched chimpanzees?
9. I can't remember the name of the girl _____ book I borrowed.
10. Should I call the lady _____ looks after the kids?
11. _____ the best speller in the class?
12. The students _____ answers are all correct may leave early.

WHAT, WHICH or HOW

What's your favorite color? **What** kind of job do you want? **What** nationality are you?

Which bus do you ride? **Which** is bigger, the U.S. or your country?

Who is taller, you or your father? **Who** is older, you or your sister?

We use **which** when we are thinking about a small number of possibilities (two, three or four).

EX: **Which** is the quickest way home, first street or fifteenth street?

We use **what** for questions with unlimited answers. EX: **What** way do you take to get home?

Examples: **What** is the capital of your country? **What** color are your eyes?

What is the longest river in the world? **Which** river is longest, the Mississippi or the Amazon? **Which** color are your eyes, blue or brown?

We frequently use **how** with an adverb. EX: How far, how old, how tall, how much, how often, how long, how much.

Make a sentence with each combination above.

Ask a question of another student using **what** or **which**.

IDIOMS: Read these sentences and match the underlined idioms with the definitions in the table.

1. Jeff is going to visit several car dealers on Saturday. He wants to test drive several SUV's to decide which one he likes the best.
2. The woman was riding her bike when she was knocked over by a hit and run driver. The police are looking for someone with a dent on the right side of their car.
3. The wealthy parents ship their kids off to summer camps so they don't have to deal with them when school is out.
4. The hotel where we are staying has a lot of charm, but it is off the beaten track. We have to take a bus into downtown.
5. I went to an interview today but I probably won't get the job. The other candidate knows the president of the company, so he has the inside track.
6. Mary keeps questioning me about where I was last night. I don't know what she is driving at. Does she think I had something to do with her husband's accident?
7. I put a stop to the children's late night card games. They were too sleepy in the morning. It was beginning to effect their schoolwork.
8. Matt was going to a football game last night, so I decided to go along for the ride. I don't really care much for sports, but I didn't have anything better to do.

send someone somewhere (often where they don't want to go)	what someone is really trying to say
a position of advantage because of knowledge about the company or someone who works there	attend an event without playing an active role
driver hits someone and does not stop to help them	in an out of the way location
bring something to an end	drive a car a short distance to see how it performs

Pick a topic and speak for one minute.

- A. Why it is important to test drive a car before you buy it.
- B. Why parents shouldn't ship their kids off to spend the whole summer at camps.
- C. What should happen to a hit and run driver.
- D. What are some advantages and disadvantages to staying in a hotel off the beaten track.
- E. How do you get a job when you don't have the inside track?
- F. Things that your parents always put a stop to when you were growing up.