## Who vs. Whom

## Grammar Mania Monday



## Who

Basic rule: if it's a subject like he or she or they, then it's who.
Here are some examples with correct responses in parentheses:

- Who is going? (He, she or they are going.)
- Is this who told you? (He, she or they told me.)
- My uncle, who was born in Canada, is an excellent fisherman. (He is an excellent fisherman.)
- People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. (They shouldn't throw stones.)
- Who thinks who and whom are difficult? (He or she think who or whom are difficult.)


## Whom

Basic rule: If it's an object like him or her or them, then it's whom.
Here are some examples with correct responses in parentheses:

- This is the man whom I told you about. (I told you about him.)
- These children, two of whom are in grammar school, have learned how to play the piano. (Two of them are in grammar school.)
- We are going to meet with the woman whom we met at lunch. (We are going to meet with her.)
- I don't know whom you are talking about. (I don't know him or her.)
- I want to speak to the person whom is in charge. (I want to speak to her or him.)


## Group Practice

1. To ____ have you offered the flowers?
2. ____ wrote that beautiful love poem?
3. I just want to know ____ made this delicious dish.
4. Do you know the man ____ is standing there?
5. My parents will accept ____ I choose as my husband.
6. For ____ are you buying this present?
7. He is a kind of person for ____ family is very important.
8. Tell me, ____ told you this wonderful news?
9. The electrician ____ I asked for assistance was helpful.
10. _____ gave you permission to get into this room?

## Individual Practice

1. The girl ____ hit the winning home run was a hero.
2. I don't know ____ made this mess.
3. ____ are you going to the movies with?
4. I need to know ____ will clean up this mess.
5. To _____ should I give the message?
6. For ____ the Bell Tolls is a book by Ernest Hemingway.
7. ____ are you talking about?
8. _____ will help him wash the dishes?
9. My cousin, ___ likes to dance, took me to a new club last night.
10. ____ are you voting for in the election?
