

whom[hu:m] *pron*1. 1) *косв. п. om* who

with whom were you talking? - с кем ты разговаривал?

of whom are you speaking? - о ком вы говорите?

you saw whom? - *разг.* кого ты видел?2) *в сочетании с предлогом может быть опущено*

this is the man (whom) I was speaking about /about whom I was speaking/ - вот человек, о котором я вам говорил

2. *разг.* кто

let him be whom he will - пусть он будет тем, кем он хочет стать

whom

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

whom [whom] *BrE* [huɔŋ] *NAmE* [huɔŋ] *pronoun* (formal)

used instead of 'who' as the object of a verb or preposition

- Whom did they invite?
- To whom should I write?
- The author whom you criticized in your review has written a reply.
- Her mother, in whom she confided, said she would support her unconditionally.

Grammar Point:**whom**

Whom is not used very often in spoken English. Who is usually used as the object pronoun, especially in questions: ▫ Who did you invite to the party?

The use of whom as the pronoun after prepositions is very formal: ▫ To whom should I address the letter? ◇ ▫ He asked me with whom I had discussed it. In spoken English it is much more natural to use who and put the preposition at the end of the sentence:

▫ Who should I address the letter to? ◇ ▫ He asked me who I had discussed it with.

In defining relative clauses the object pronoun whom is not often used. You can either use who or that, or leave out the pronoun completely: ▫ The family (who/that/whom) I met at the airport were very kind.

In non-defining relative clauses who or, more formally, whom (but not *that*) is used and the pronoun cannot be left out: ▫ Our doctor, who/whom we all liked very much, retired last week. This pattern is not used very much in spoken English.

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whom *S3 W1* /huɔm *BrE* *AmE* *pronoun*

[Language: Old English; Origin: hwam]

the object form of 'who', used especially in formal speech or writing:

" Desperate for money, she called her sister, whom she hadn't spoken to in 20 years.

" She brought with her three friends, none of whom I had ever met before.

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In everyday spoken or written English, people usually use **who** rather than **whom**:

▫ Who did you send it to?

Whom is usually used only in the phrases **one of whom**, **none of whom**, **some of whom** etc.

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