

WHO vs WHOM

◆ Rule 1:

Use “who” when it stands for the subject of a verb.

◆ Rule 2:

Use “whom” when it stands for the object of a verb.

◆ Rule 3:

Use “whom” when it stands for the object of a preposition
(Prepositions are words like to, for, at, on, under, before, about, etc.)

The following are ALL correct:

- “With whom did you attend the party?”
- “The author about whom I’m writing died in 1701.”
- “The person whom I’ve been criticizing . . .”
- “The politician whom he shot . . .”

◆ Rule 4:

If the who/whom stands for BOTH the object of a prior verb or a preposition AND the subject of a second verb, YOU MUST USE “WHO.”

✗ I look forward to seeing whom you become.

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✗ The teacher praised the student whom aced the exam.

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