

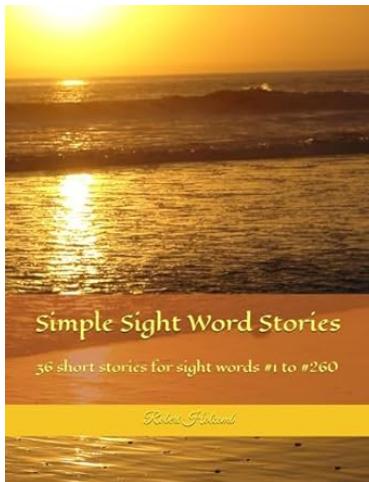
who vs by whom

Who is the subject of a sentence.

"Who wrote this book?"

Substitute he or she with who.

"He wrote this book!"



Whom is the object of a sentence.

"The book was written by whom?"

Substitute him or her with whom.

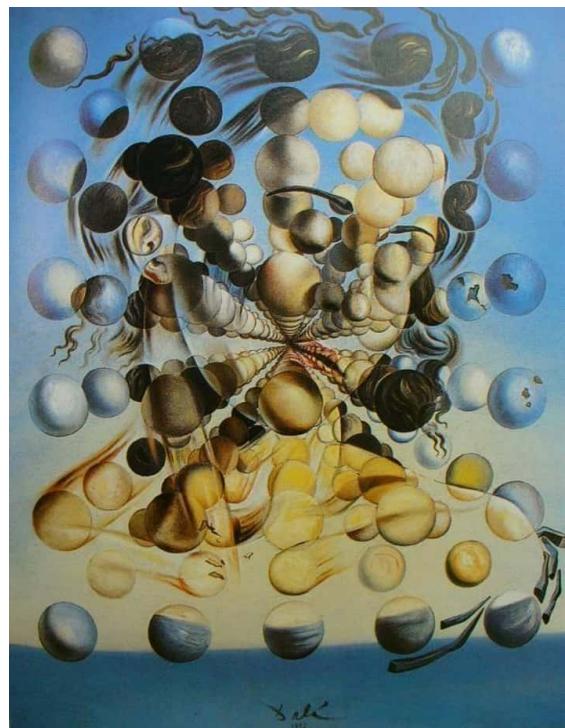
"The book was written by him!"

*This painting was done by
_____? who/whom*

*No, I don't know
_____ painted this!
who/whom*

*By the way,

who/whom
painted this
great work of art?*

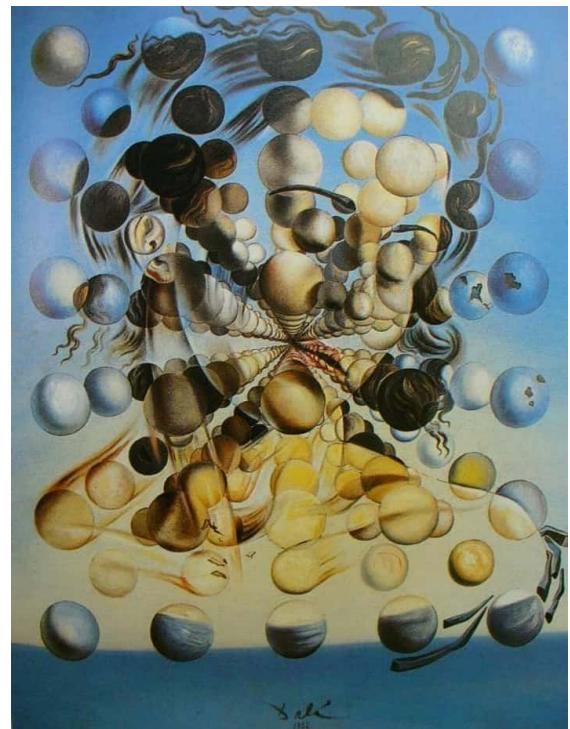


*Of course, it was painted
by _____. who/whom*

*This painting was done
by whom?*

*No, I don't know
who painted this!*

*By the way,
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Salvador Dalí

*Of course, it was painted
by whom.*

Two more things...

#1 An object pronoun (**whom**) is used after a preposition.

by **whom**

from **whom**

for **whom**

to **whom** (to + preposition [not, to + verb])

etc.

#2 Sometimes, when asking a question (interrogative), the subject is not at the beginning of a sentence.

"**Whom** do you think we should give this smelly sock?"

Let's rearrange the sentence to make a statement (declarative).



"We should give this smelly sock to **him**."