

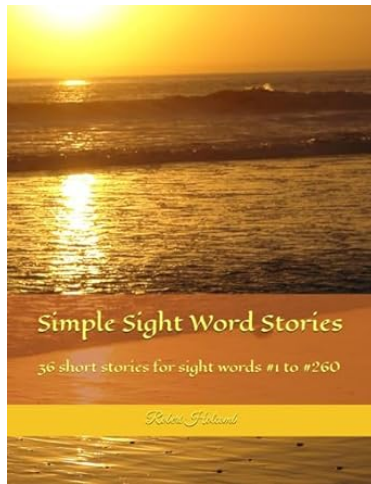
# who vs by whom

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.

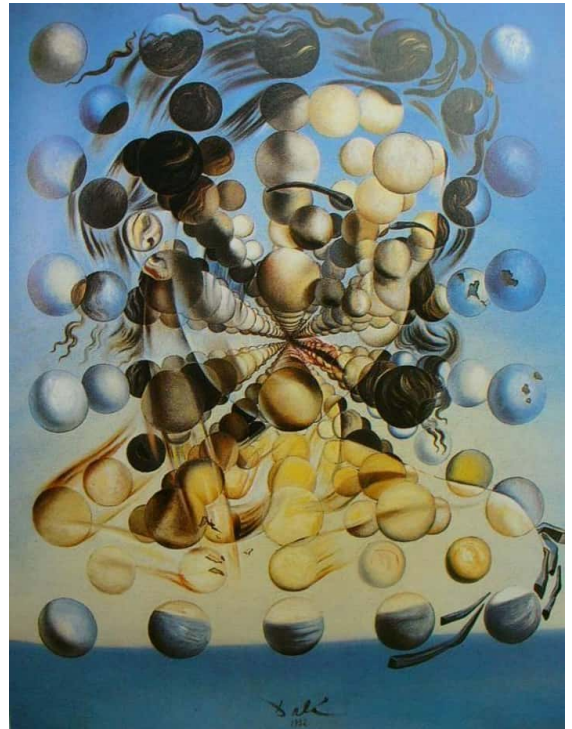
"The book was written by him!"

*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?*

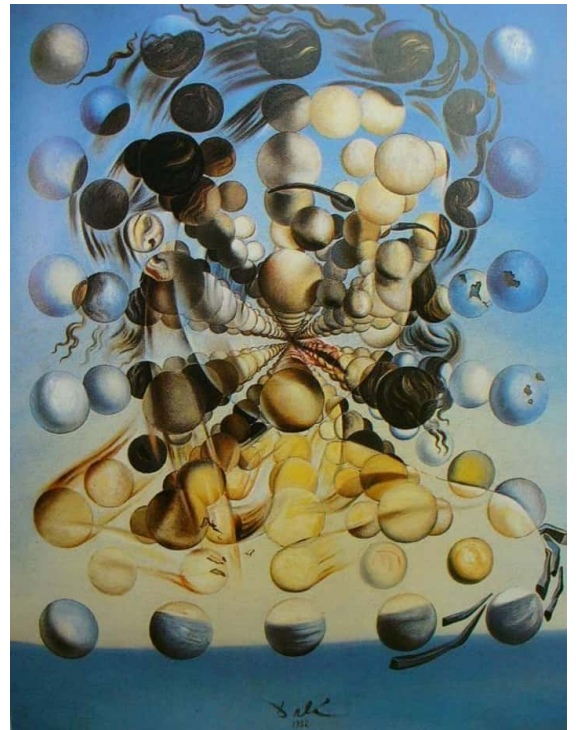


*Of course, it was painted  
by \_\_\_\_\_. who/whom*

*This painting was done  
by whom?*

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

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Salvador Dali

*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**."

