

to whom vs who

Who is the subject of a sentence.

"Who has smelly shoes?"

Substitute he or she with who.

"He has smelly shoes!"



Whom is the object of a sentence.

"These smelly shoes belong to whom?"

Substitute him or her with whom.

"These smelly shoes belong to him!"

*To _____ it may
concern... who/whom*

*_____ likes its jacket?
who/whom*



*We should give the hat
to _____ ?
who/whom*

*You should keep it or give it
to _____. who/whom*

*To whom it may
concern...*

*Who
likes its jacket?*



*We should give the hat
to him ?*

*You should keep it or give it
to whom.*

Two more things...

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

by **whom**

from **whom**

for **whom**

to **whom** (to + preposition [to + verb = infinitive])
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**."

