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**Interrogative pronouns** are used to **ask questions**. There are five interrogative pronouns in English: **Who, Whom, What, Which,** and **Whose**. They are also known as **question words** or **wh-words**. Thus, questions using these are called *wh-questions*:

- **Who** called last night?
- **Which** books are yours?
- **Whom** do I ask for at the desk?

## Who and Whom

We use the words **Who** and **Whom** to ask about people. **Who** is used as the subject of the sentence:

- **Who** is coming to the party?
- **Who** was there?
- **Who** did that?

While **Whom** is used as the object of the sentence:

- **Whom** did you visit? (You is the subject. Whom is the object of 'visit'.)
- **Whom** did she talk to? (She is the subject. Whom is the object of 'talk'.)

## What

We often use **What** to ask questions about things or activities. It is used when there are many possible answers:

- **What** do you want for dinner?
- **What** is your friend's name?
- **What** time are we supposed to be there?

## Which

We use **Which** when there is a smaller number of possible answers:

- **Which** color do you prefer, red or blue?
- **Which** train should I take?
- **Which** seat would you like?

Compare:

- **What** is your name? - It's John.
- **Which** is your name? (looking at a list of names) - This one here, 'John.'

## Whose

We use **Whose** to ask about the owner of an object:

- **Whose** sweater is this?
- **Whose** shoes are these?
- **Whose** phone is that?

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