

For Whom the Bellwork Tolls

Who or whom? *Who* becomes *whom* when it is the object of a sentence.

Who is speaking? To whom is she speaking?

An easy way to tell the difference is to switch around the words in the sentence and replace *who* with another pronoun. For example:

Who is she speaking to? » She is speaking to (who/whom)? »

She is speaking to *we*. - OR - She is speaking to *them*.

Subjective

Case

Pronouns

» Who

he

I

it

she

they

we

you

Objective

Case

Pronouns

» Whom

her

him

it

me

them

us

you

“She is speaking to them” is correct. *Them* is an objective pronoun. Therefore, *whom* is correct. “Whom is she speaking to?”

Aided by this knowledge, write the following sentences correctly using *who* or *whom*.

1. I addressed the letter: “To who/whom it may concern.”

2. Who/Whom are you speaking to?

3. I have no idea who/whom will be at the party.
