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'Who', 'whom' and

a Winner

Thank you Carolyn Oh who sent both the question and answer: When do you use whom instead of who?

1) Who is a nominative pronoun (meaning it acts as a subject) and is used:

- a. As the subject of a verb, as in "It was Paul who rescued the dog."
- b. As the complement of a linking verb, as in "They know who you are."

2) Whom is an objective pronoun (meaning it serves as an object) and is used:

- a. As the object of a verb, as in "Whom did you see?"
- b. As the object of a preposition, as in "That is the group to whom the credit belongs."

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