

Elizabeth wrote a letter to someone (**who/whom**) she had never met.

Step 1: **who/whom**

Elizabeth wrote a letter to someone (**who/whom**) she had never met.

Step 2: Because the remaining part of the sentence has a subject (she) at the beginning, test with

She had never met *who* = She had never met *he*

She had never met *whom* = She had never met *him*

Step 3:

et *him*

Step 4: **whom.**

Elizabeth wrote a letter to someone **whom** she had never met.

To

whoever = she, he, I, they

whomever = her, him, me, them

whoever/whomever) was ready.

Step 1: **whoever/whomever**

whoever/whomever) was ready.

Step 2: For the remaining part of the sentence, test with a pronoun using the above key. Replace

Whoever was ready = *She* was ready

Whoever was ready = *Her* was ready

Step 3: Consider which one sounds corre

In the following sentences, choose the correct word (who/whom or whoever/whomever). Use the steps outlined in this handout to help you make the correct choice.

1. Dani is someone (who/whom) I admire.
2. He is the boy (who/whom) works at Starbucks.
3. She is the girl (who/whom) we saw at the movies.
- 4.
5. I wonder (who/whom) told Olga about the surprise party.
6. They are the friends (who/whom) Tom introduced.
7. They are the ones (who/whom) rode the bus with me.
8. Kendra may choose (whoever/whomever) she likes.
9. Amy is the girl (who/whom) people should ask about music.

Answer Key for Activity

1. whom
2. who
3. whom
4. whoever
5. who
6. whom
7. who
8. whomever
9. whom

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