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Misused Words

Remember

The object pronoun *them* should never be used as an adjective. Use the adjectives *those*, *these*, or *the* instead.

~~them~~ those
Stephanie made ~~them~~ earrings herself.

Who is a subject pronoun. *Whom* is an object pronoun.

Subject Who found my hat?

I saw a man who could stand on his head.

Object To whom did you give the flowers? (object of a preposition)

Dr. Parker is the one whom I will see. (direct object)

Think About

Think about replacing *who* with *he* and *whom* with *him*. How does that help you decide which word is the right one to use?

Read and Apply

Read the sentences. Find the five misused words. Cross out each misused word and write the correct word above it.

Many people whom enjoy raising their own food find beekeeping an exciting hobby. Those beekeepers who would like to make a profit can sell some of the honey. Others for who beekeeping is not a business may give honey away as gifts. Them beekeepers who are not patient and careful may ruin their hives or harm themselves.

The worker bees are the ones who do most of the work. They collect pollen, take care of the young, and guard the hive. The drones' purpose is to mate with the queen. The queen, whom is the leader of the hive, lays eggs. As them eggs hatch, the new bees join the hive.

Write About

Write a paragraph about an animal that can provide something people can use.

Handwriting practice lines with a large, faint watermark reading "SAMPLE" diagonally across the page. A detailed illustration of a bee is positioned on the right side of the lines.

Review

Read each sentence. Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

1. Mom found [those them] socks behind the dryer.
2. [Who Whom] will you interview for school?
3. The artist [who whom] painted this picture is very talented.
4. My hamsters live in this cage, and I feed [those them] every day.
5. [Who Whom] lives in this house?
6. The piano teacher with [who whom] I study gave a concert.