

Subject/Object questions

- **Subject questions** are questions we ask when we want to know the subject of the sentence. These questions usually begin with the words **who**, **whose**, **what** and **which**. The verb is in the **affirmative form**. *Who called you at 8 o'clock in the morning?*
- **Object questions** are questions we ask when we want to know the object of the sentence. These questions usually begin with the words **who**, **whom**, **whose**, **what** and **which**. The verb is in the **interrogative form**. *Who did you invite at your party?*

Note: In object questions, if a verb is followed by a preposition, the preposition comes at the end of the questions. *What are you afraid of? Who did you send the letter to?*



Jo called Beverly to wish her 'Happy Birthday!'
Who called Beverly? Jo.
Who did Jo call? Beverly.

1 Look at the questions about the photo above. Which question asks about the subject of the sentence and which one asks about the object of the sentence?

2 Write questions to which the words in bold are the answer.

- Daniel** is watching the news.
Who is watching the news?
 Daniel is watching **the news**.
What is Daniel watching?
- Beth bought a **new car**.

Beth bought a new car.

- Charlie lives in **Pete's** flat.

Charlie lives in Pete's flat.

- The Jenkins family** are painting their house.

 The Jenkins family are painting **their house**.

- Philippa** won the 100 metres race.

 Philippa won **the 100 metres** race.

- Tom** was repairing his bike all morning.

 Tom was repairing **his bike** all morning.

3 Complete the questions.

- Chris borrowed Robin's bike yesterday.
 a) What *did Chris borrow?*
 Robin's bike.
 b) Who *borrowed Robin's bike?*
 Chris.
- Cathy writes short stories.
 a) Who ?
 Cathy.
 b) What ?
 Short stories.
- Ben used to take the number 19 bus to college.
 a) Which ?
 The number 19.
 b) Who ?
 Ben.
- Ella was writing her essay all day yesterday.
 a) Who ?
 Ella.
 b) What ?
 Her essay.
- Adam played hockey last Thursday.
 a) What ?
 Hockey.
 b) Who ?
 Adam.