Who vs Whom Answer Key

Who: is reserved for the subject of the sentence.
The subject is the one in the sentence doing the action.

Whom: is reserved for the object of the sentence.
The object is the one receiving the action.

Examples:

___________ did you call last night?
1. Identify the main verb- “call”
2. Is there someone doing the calling? “you” is the subject doing the calling.
3. Is there someone being called? That is left unanswered. Since that is the object of
   the sentence, we would use the word “whom.”
4. Answer: Whom did you call last night?

___________ emptied the trash yesterday?
1. Identify the main verb- “emptied”
2. Is there someone doing the emptying? No. No one is mentioned. Therefore, we are
   missing the subject of the sentence and need to use the subject pronoun form
   “who.”
3. Answer: Who emptied the trash yesterday?

Exercises:
Please complete the following questions with who or whom.

1. ___WHO_______ couldn’t sleep last night because of the fire alarm?
2. ___WHO_______ reminded John of his doctor’s appointment?
3. ___WHOM_______ did Sandra meet at the doctor’s office?
4. ___WHO_______ bought the candy at the store for Anna?
5. ___WHOM_______ did Mrs. Arsenla give an “F?”
6. ___WHO_______ couldn’t find the restaurant?
7. ___WHOM_______ did Martin accuse of stealing the cookies from the cookie jar?