Interrogative Adjectives and Interrogative Pronouns

Interrogative Adjectives

Interrogative Adjectives are not nearly as difficult as their name seems to imply... First they are *adjectives* which means they describe or qualify nouns. Second they are *interrogative*, which means they ask questions...

So put together they take the following forms *whose? what? which?*

**Examples**

Who's books are these?
Whose car is this?
What colour is this book?
What colours are these books?
Which way are you going?

You will notice that whose...? what...? and which...? do not change whatever they refer to; they describe and question the noun but are not affected by it.

N.b. What...? and which...? are very similar in meaning, but on the whole what...? asks a straight question whereas which...? implies there is a choice... (See above examples...)

**Activity 2**

Fill in the spaces with an Interrogative Adjective: there may be a choice...

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<td>________ pen is this? Is it John's?</td>
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<td>b) ________ film would you rather see, this one or that?</td>
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<td>c) ________ colours are there in a rainbow?</td>
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<td>d) ________ friends are you and John? I don't think I know you...</td>
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Interrogative Pronouns

Now we are not going to describe a noun but replace it, and at the same time ask a question: thus we come to Interrogative Pronouns... Here they are:

Who? whose? what? which?

You will notice they look exactly the same as the adjectives, the difference being in their use and meaning...

Examples

a) Who are you?
   b) Whose is this book?
   c) Whose are these books? (the same!)
   d) What do you want? (straight question)
   d) Which is the best way? (choice)

All these Pronouns represent Nouns but do not describe them! That is how you recognize them, they will stand by themselves, and not have a Noun next to them!

Now we come to the third Activity which will practise all that you have looked at in this Lesson, including the Interrogative Pronouns. (The Key is after this Lesson)

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2) Fill in the spaces with an Interrogative Adjective

a) ________ cake would you prefer?
   b) ________ cars are these? Are they Pete's?
   C) ________ pattern do you choose?
   d) ________ photo is that one over there? Is it yours?

3) Fill in the spaces with an Interrogative Pronoun

a) ________ is this child?
   b) ______ are these papers? Hers?
   c) I don't know ______ I should do!
   d) ______ is the best road to take?
Key

Activity Two

a) Whose pen is this? Is it John's?
b) Which would you rather see, this one or that?
c) What colours are there in a rainbow?
d) Whose friends are you and John? I don’t think I know you…

Activity Three

1
a) Peter will swim in the lake
b) I shall be doing my homework
 c) Sarah will be able to swim very well
d) They will not see that bird

2
a) Which cake would you prefer?
b) Whose cars are these? Are they Pete’s?
c) What (which) pattern will you choose?
d) Whose photograph is that one over there? Is it yours?

3)
a) Who is this child?
b) Whose are these papers? Hers?
c) I don’t know what I should do!
d) Which is the best road to take?