Whose and Who’s

**Whose** is a question word. It can be used with a noun.

**Whose bag** is this?  
**Whose daughter** do you think looks the cutest?

**Whose** can also be used alone.

**Whose** is this bag?  
**Whose** is that?

**Prepositions with whose**

In a formal style we put prepositions before *whose*. In an informal style we use prepositions at the end of the clause.

**For whose** benefit is this? (Formal)  
**Whose** benefit is this **for**? (Less formal)

**On whose** side are you? (Formal)  
**Whose** side are you **on**? (Less formal)

In short questions which have no verb, prepositions can only come before *whose*.

‘I am going to buy an apartment.’ ‘*With whose* money?’ (NOT Whose money with?)

**Whose and who’s**

**Whose** is a possessive word. It means ‘of whom/which’. **Whose** is used in questions and relative clauses.

**Whose** is that car? (NOT Who’s is that car?)  
The boy, in **whose** pool we swam, is very tall.

**Who’s** is the contraction of **who is** or **who has**.

**Who’s** that? (= Who is that?)  
Do you know anybody **who’s** working in an insurance company? (… who is working in an insurance company.)

I have got a cousin **who’s** never seen a movie. (NOT I have a cousin whose has never seen a movie.)