

Checkmate Patterns

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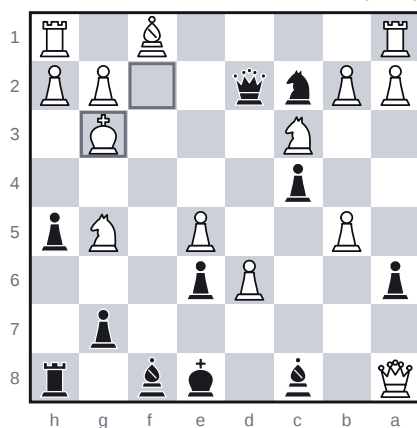
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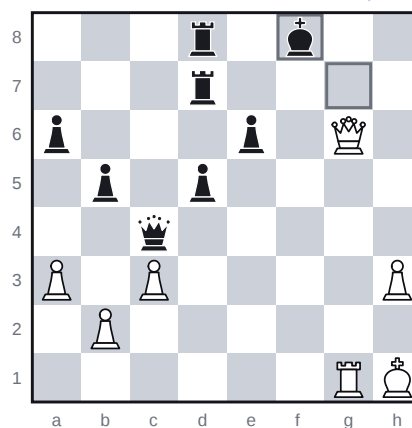
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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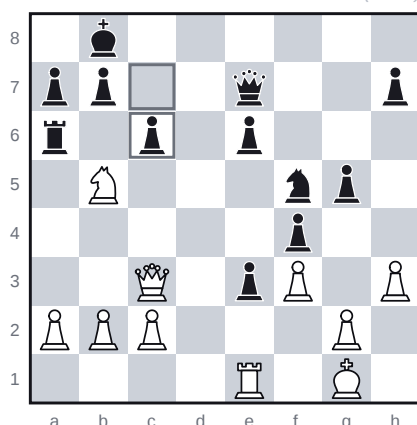
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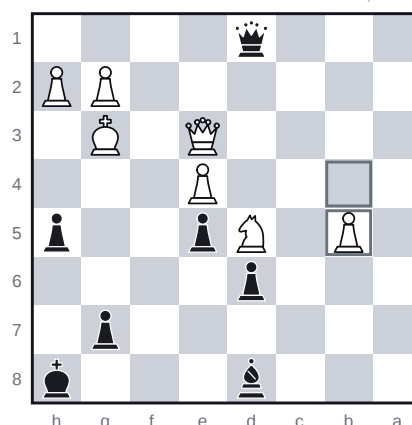
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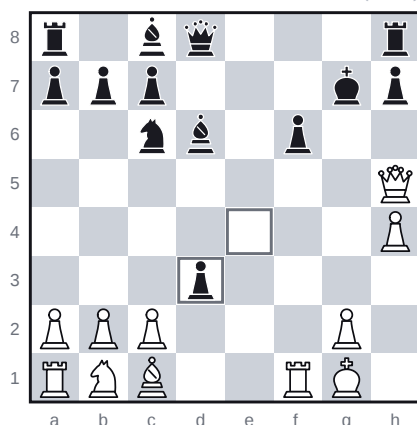
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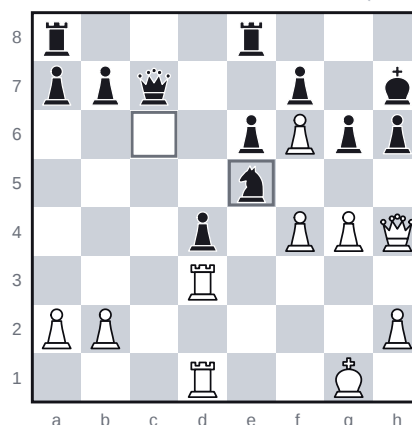
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5 White to move (1966)



6 White to move (1992)



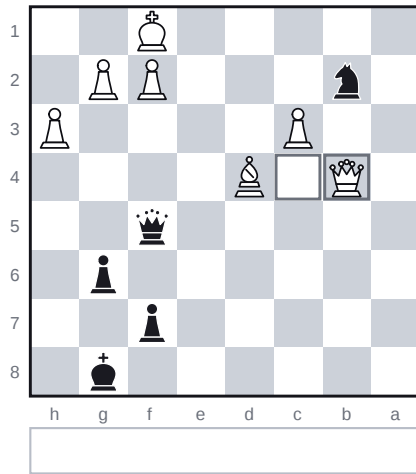
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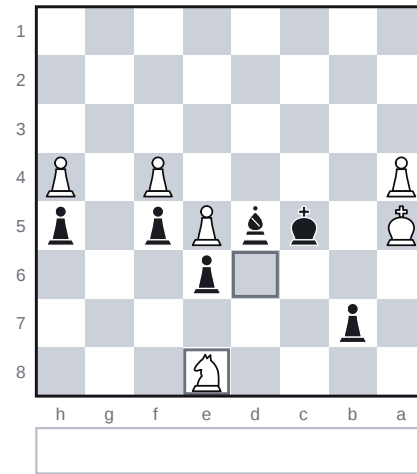
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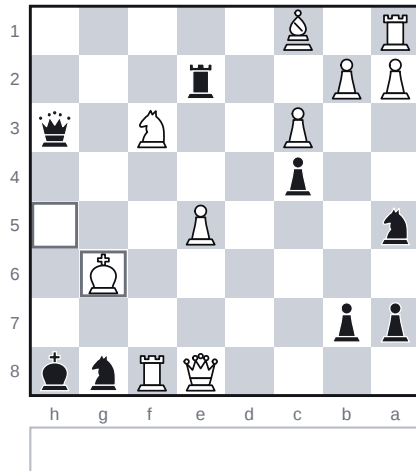
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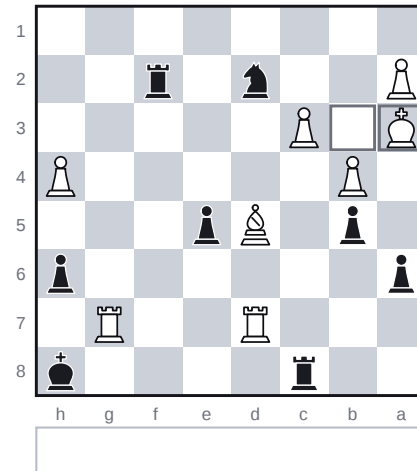
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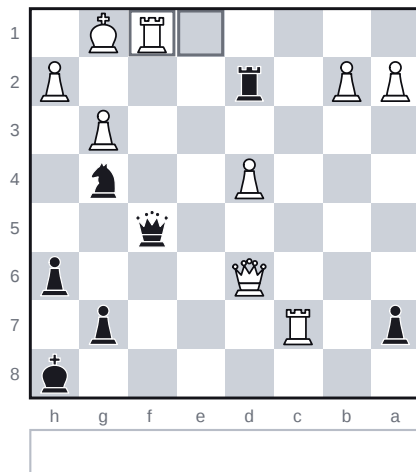
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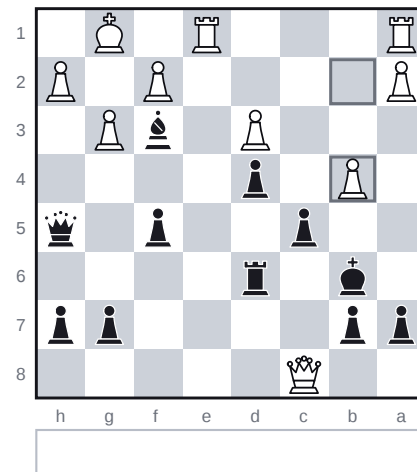
10 Black to move (2142)



11 Black to move (2220)



12 Black to move (2262)



Answer key

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What to look for

Every position here is mate in two or three. The pattern is the shape the pieces make at the end, so find the mating picture first and the moves that build it second.

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| 1. 21...Qxg5+ 22.Kf2 Qe3#
Mate in 2. | #8zBi3 |
| 2. 40.Qf6+ Rf7 41.Qxd8#
The queen on f6 attacks the king on f8 and the rook on d8. Mate in 2. | #7IYOn |
| 3. 27.Qh8+ Qd8 28.Qxd8#
Mate in 2. | #2P00i |
| 4. 32...Bh4+ 33.Kxh4 Qg4#
Mate in 2. | #8kf13 |
| 5. 15.Bh6+ Kg8 16.Qd5+ Be6 17.Qxe6#
Mate in 3. | #4fzp1 |
| 6. 30.Qxh6+ Kxh6 31.Rh3#
Mate in 2. | #92Bm8 |
| 7. 39...Qb1+ 40.Ke2 Qd3+ 41.Ke1 Qd1#
Mate in 3. | #7nw7z |
| 8. 58...Bc4 59.Nd6 b6#
Mate in 2. | #7HCjA |
| 9. 31...Rg2+ 32.Bg5 Qh7#
Mate in 2. | #8r4NF |
| 10. 30...Nb1+ 31.Kb3 Rxc3#
Mate in 2. | #5iyQo |
| 11. 30...Rg2+ 31.Kxg2 Ne3+ 32.Kg1 Qxf1#
Mate in 3. | #bNI07 |
| 12. 23...Qxh2+ 24.Kxh2 Rh6+ 25.Kg1 Rh1#
Mate in 3. | #seYBv |

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