

Deflection

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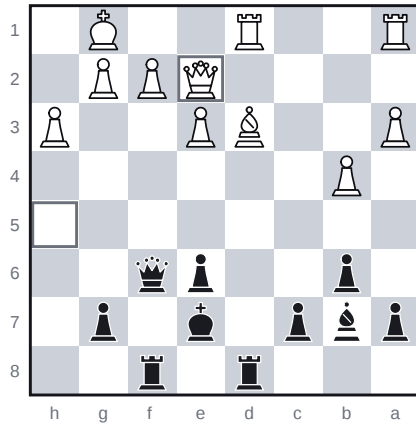
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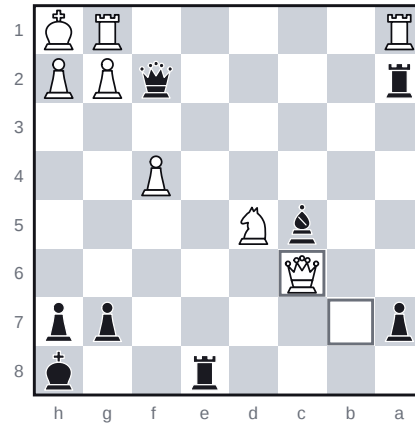
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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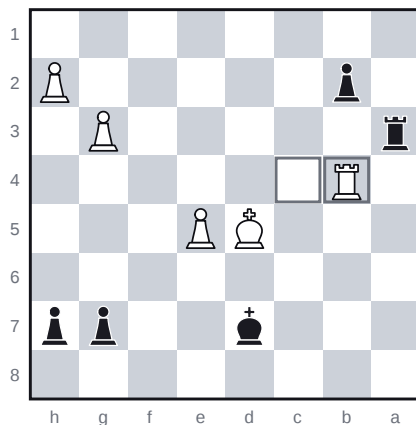
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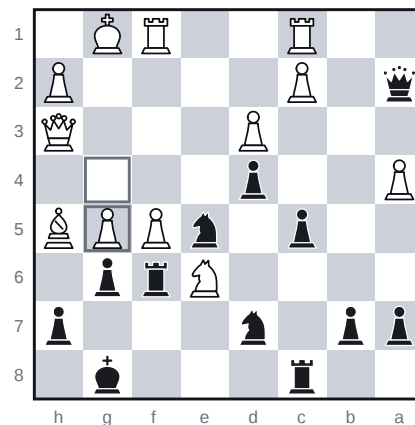
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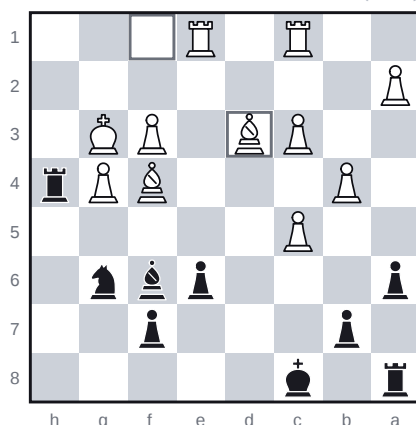
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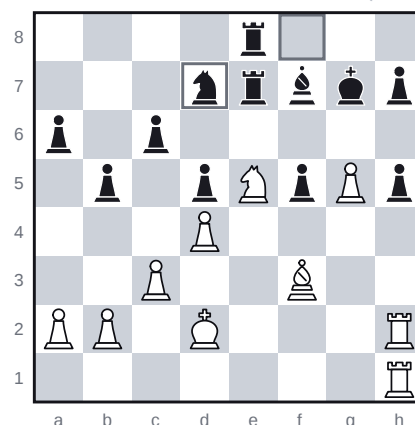
4 Black to move (1953)



5 Black to move (1966)



6 White to move (1996)



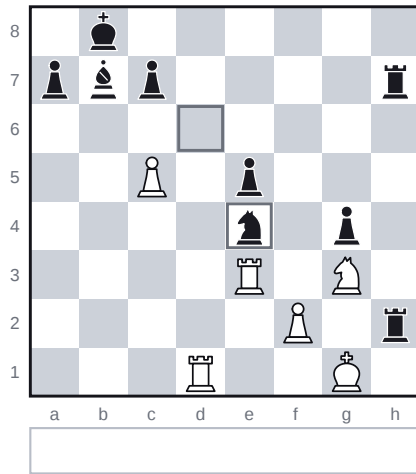
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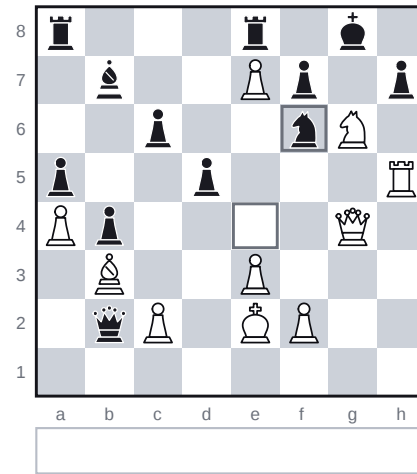
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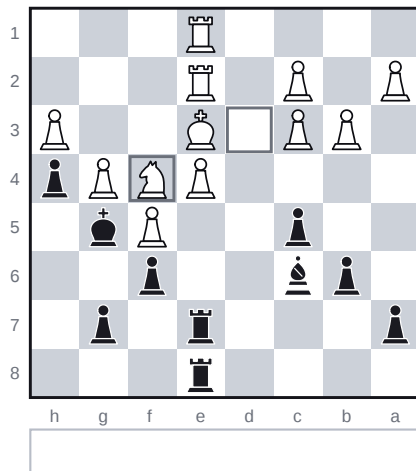
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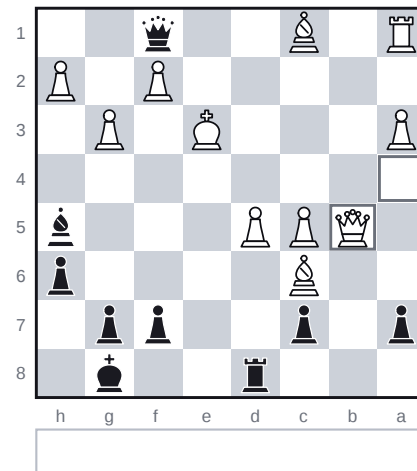
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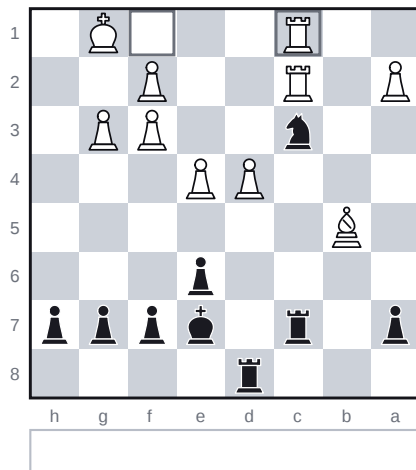
9 Black to move (2099)



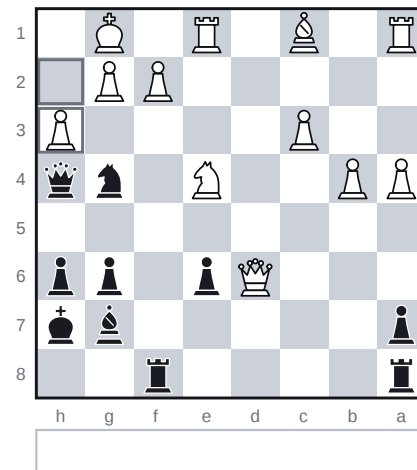
10 Black to move (2152)



11 Black to move (2209)



12 Black to move (2236)



Answer key

What to look for

Something is being defended, and the defender can be forced to leave. Ask what each enemy piece is holding together.

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| 1. 25...Rxd3 26.Rxd3 Qxa1+ | #6lp3b |
| Wins a piece. | |
| 2. 30...Qxg2+ 31.Rxg2 Rxa1+ 32.Rg1 Rxg1# | #8l2hg |
| The queen on g2 attacks the king on h1 and the rook on g1. Mate in 3. | |
| 3. 63...Ra5+ 64.Kc4 Ra4 65.Rxa4 b1=Q | #Bcoff |
| Wins a piece. | |
| 4. 25...Rxf5 26.Rxf5 Qxe6 | #29XNR |
| Comes out level on material and ahead on position. | |
| 5. 27...Rh3+ 28.Kxh3 Nxf4+ 29.Kg3 Nxd3 | #7cpMI |
| Comes out 1 pawn ahead. | |
| 6. 32.Nxf7 Rxf7 33.Bxh5 Nf8 34.Bxf7 | #7jhZI |
| Wins a rook. | |
| 7. 37.Rd8+ Bc8 38.Rb3+ Ka8 39.Rxc8# | #9YqEF |
| Mate in 3. | |
| 8. 27.Ne5+ Nxc4 28.Rg5+ Kh8 29.Nxf7# | #AiBIM |
| Mate in 3. | |
| 9. 28...Rxe4+ 29.Kd2 Kxf4 | #AycVC |
| The rook on e4 attacks the king on e3 and the knight on f4. Wins a piece. | |
| 10. 26...Qe1+ 27.Kd4 Qxf2+ 28.Kc3 Qf6+ | #BX8j6 |
| The queen on e1 attacks the king on e3 and the bishop on c1. Comes out 1 pawn ahead. | |
| 11. 25...Rdc8 26.Ba6 Ne2+ 27.Rxe2 Rxc1+ | #Xo2ov |
| Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | |
| 12. 20...Nxf2 21.Qg3 Qxg3 22.Nxc3 Bxc3 | #W4hzJ |
| Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | |

About these worksheets

This is one of three sheets for deflection. The Easy and Intermediate sheets cover the same pattern at other rating bands. Thirteen other patterns are available the same way, including forks, pins, skewers, back rank mates, mate in one and smothered mate. All free, all with answer keys, no sign-up.

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