

Deflection

Easy · Rating 830-1269 · 12 positions

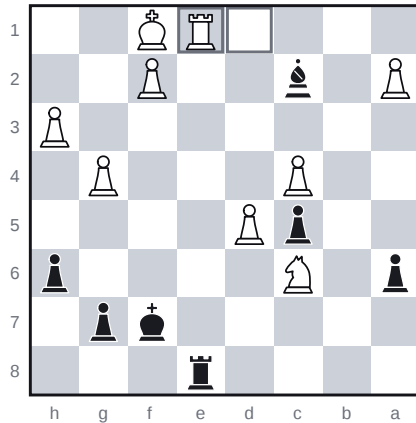
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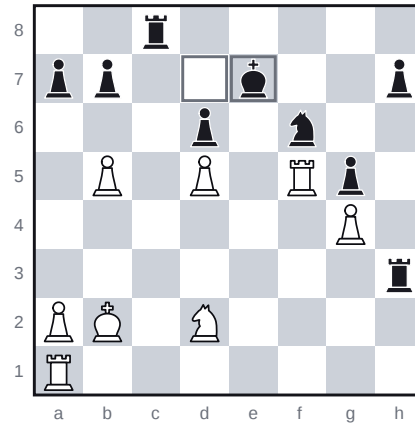
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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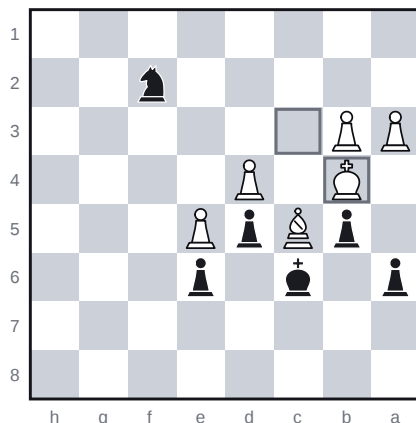
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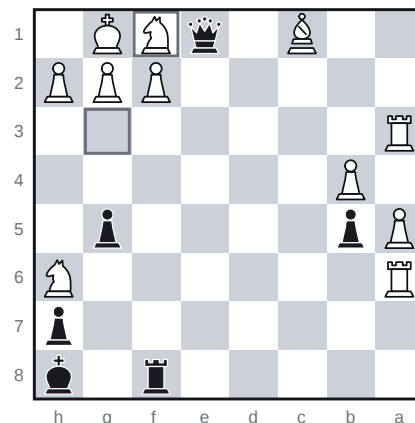
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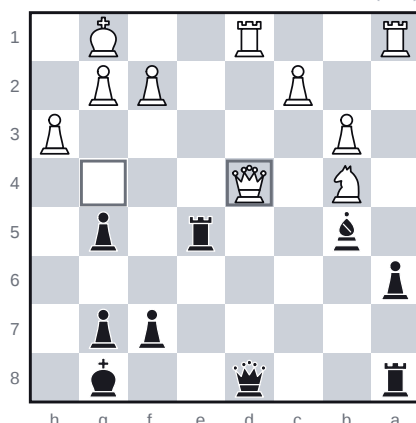
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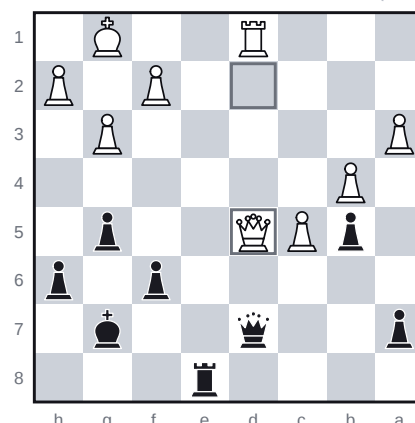
4 Black to move (968)



5 Black to move (976)



6 Black to move (981)



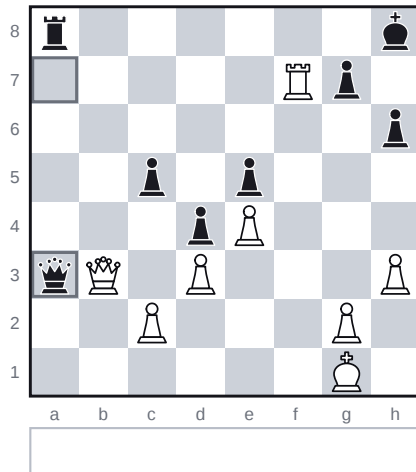
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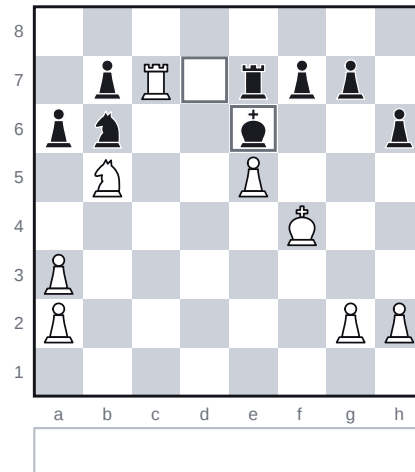
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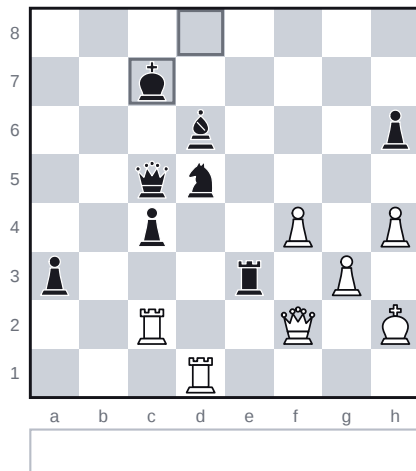
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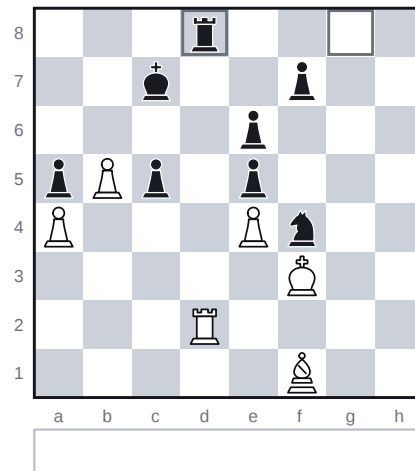
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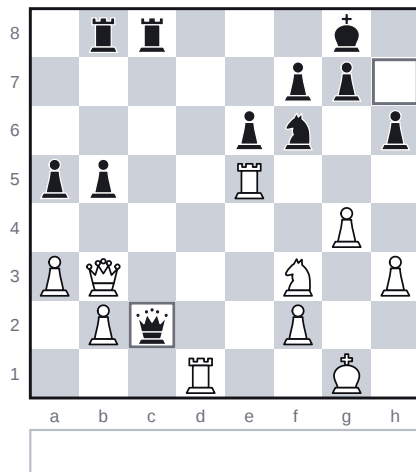
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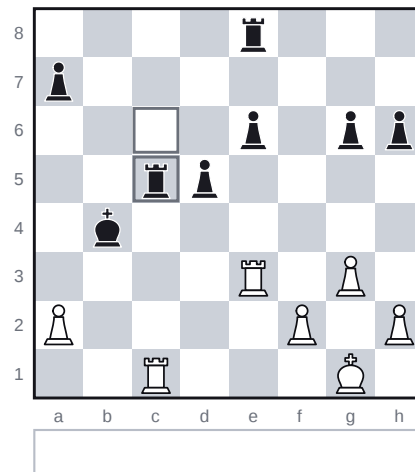
10 White to move (1177)



11 White to move (1212)



12 White to move (1269)



Answer key

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What to look for

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

1. **39...Bd3+ 40.Kg2 Rxe1** #uqtrK
Wins a rook.
2. **31.Re1+ Kd7 32.Rxf6** #InnAn
Wins a piece.
3. **56...Nd3+ 57.Kc3 Nxc5 58.dxc5 Kxc5** #xgdq9
The knight on d3 attacks the king on b4 and the bishop on c5. Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
4. **37...Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Qxf1#** #IDFln
The queen on f2 attacks the king on g1 and the knight on f1. Mate in 2.
5. **27...Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxd4** #mUvG9
The rook on e1 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on d1. Wins a piece.
6. **33...Re1+ 34.Rxe1 Qxd5** #ecQNq
The rook on e1 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on d1. Wins a piece.
7. **29.Rf8+ Rxf8 30.Qxa3** #fRU9K
The rook on f8 attacks the king on h8 and the rook on a8. Wins a piece.
8. **37.Nd4+ Kd5 38.Rxe7** #tPG0m
Wins a rook.
9. **40.Rxd5 Qxd5 41.Qxe3** #6SoRG
The rook on d5 attacks the queen on c5 and the bishop on d6. Wins a piece.
10. **55.b6+ Kxb6 56.Rxd8** #4FWA8
Wins a piece.
11. **26.Rd8+ Rxd8 27.Qxc2** #6xI9P
The rook on d8 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on c8. Wins a piece.
12. **36.Rb3+ Ka4 37.Rxc5** #5kL9b
Wins a rook.

About these worksheets

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