

Deflection

Intermediate · Rating 1305-1851 · 12 positions

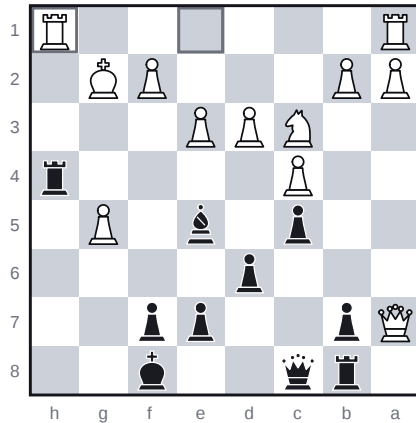
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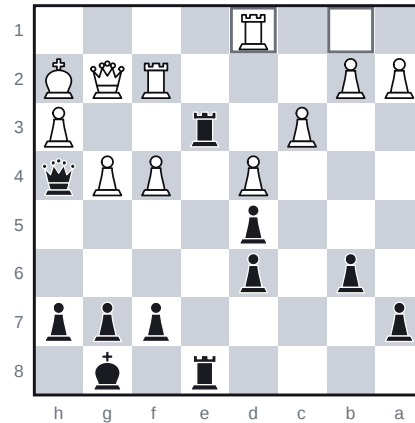
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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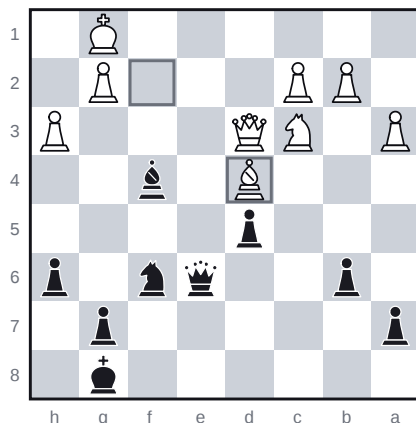
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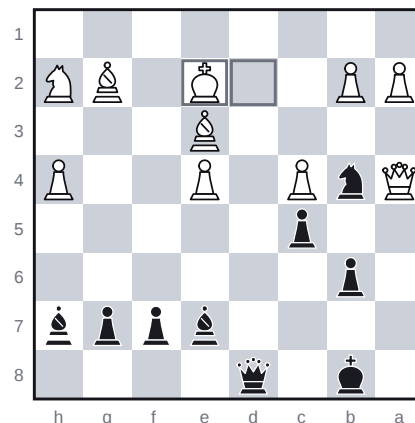
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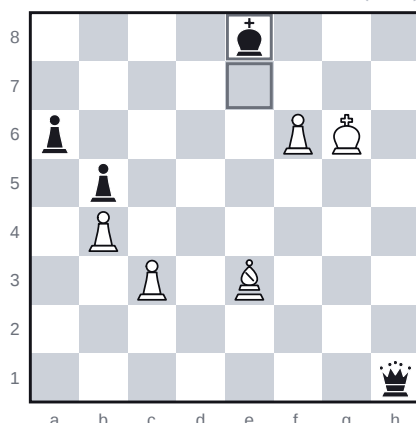
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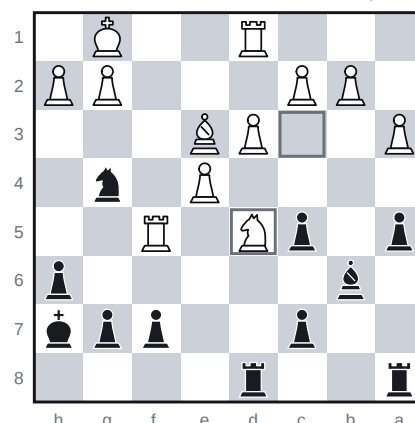
4 Black to move (1430)



5 White to move (1469)



6 Black to move (1506)



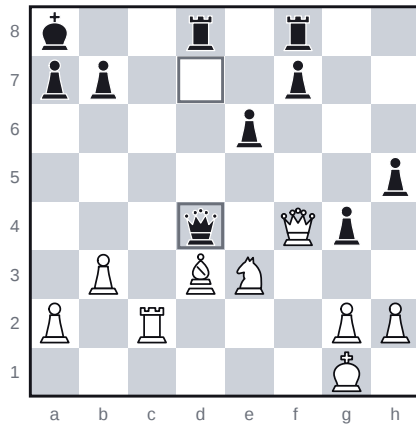
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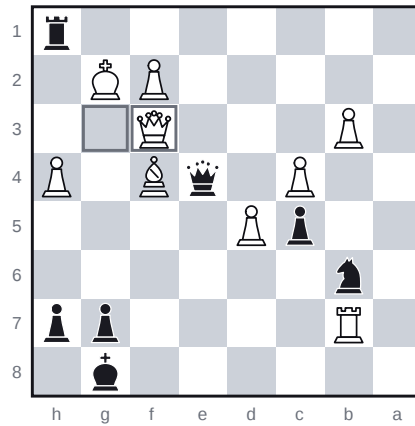
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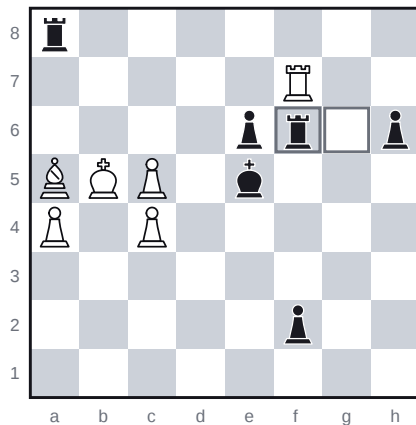
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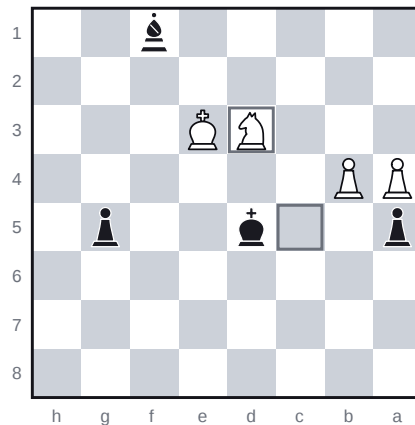
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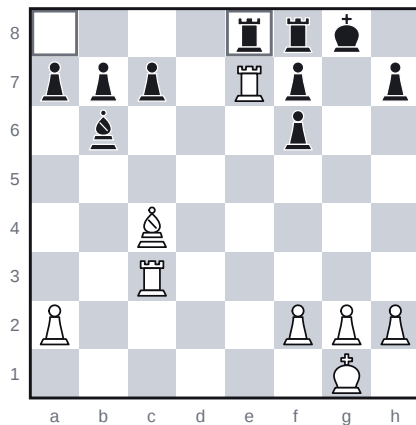
9 White to move (1664)



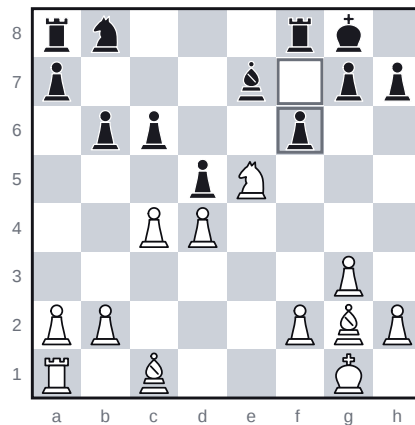
10 Black to move (1735)



11 White to move (1814)



12 White to move (1851)



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. **20...Qg4+ 21.Kf1 Rxh1#** #6jsJ2
Mate in 2.
2. **22...Rxh3+ 23.Qxh3 Qxf2+** #6F4IM
Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
3. **26...Qe1+ 27.Qf1 Bh2+ 28.Kxh2 Qxf1** #6CbwA
The queen on e1 attacks the king on g1 and the knight on c3. Wins a rook.
4. **31...Qd3+ 32.Kf2 Bxh4+ 33.Kg1 Qxe3+** #5Uq19
The queen on d3 attacks the king on e2 and the bishop on e3. Wins a piece.
5. **52.f7+ Ke7 53.Bc5+ Ke6 54.f8=Q** #4yrNt
Wins a rook.
6. **21...Rxd5 22.exd5 Nxe3** #4Gz72
Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
7. **25.Rc8+ Rxc8 26.Qxd4** #4aqnR
The rook on c8 attacks the king on a8 and the rook on d8. Wins a piece.
8. **30...Rg1+ 31.Kxg1 Qxf3 32.Rb8+ Kf7** #5HjV1
Wins a piece.
9. **44.Bc3+ Ke4 45.Rxf6** #5i3i6
Wins a rook.
10. **53...Bxd3 54.Kxd3 axb4** #4YK9p
Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
11. **22.Bxf7+ Rxf7 23.Rxe8+** #9bOxQ
The bishop on f7 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on e8. Wins a piece.
12. **16.Nxc6 Nxc6 17.Bxd5+ Rf7 18.Bxc6** #BV3FM
The knight on c6 attacks the knight on b8 and the bishop on e7. Comes out 2 pawns ahead.

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