

Chess Forks

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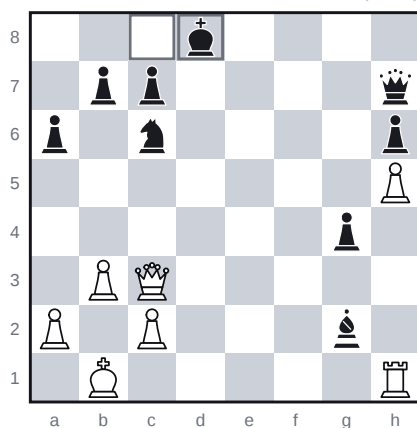
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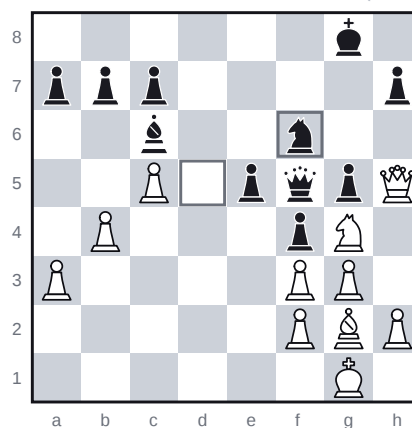
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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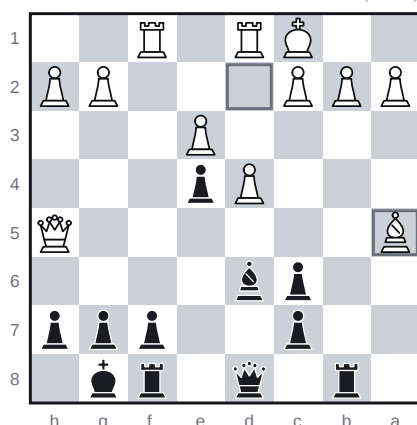
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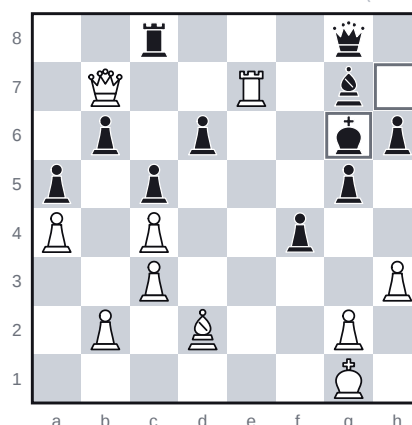
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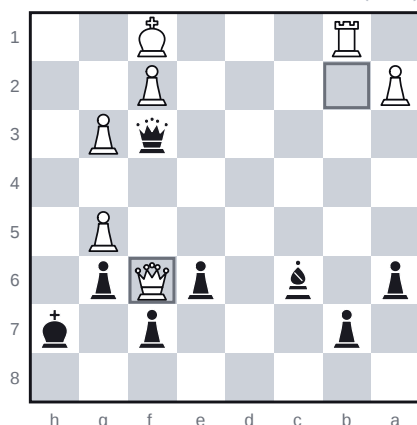
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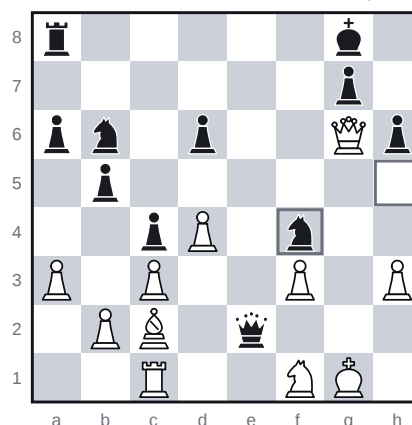
4 White to move (1950)



5 Black to move (1968)



6 White to move (1987)



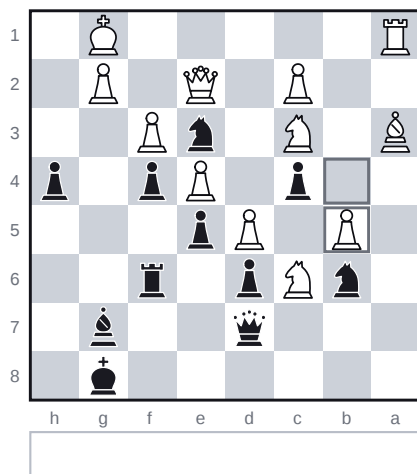
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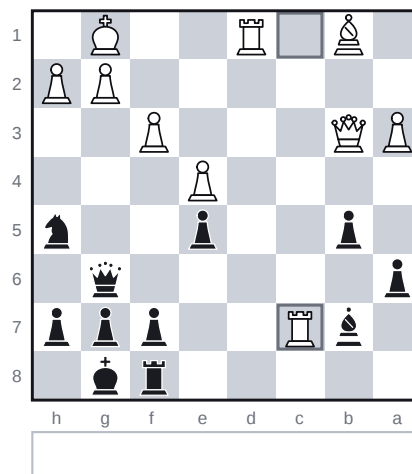
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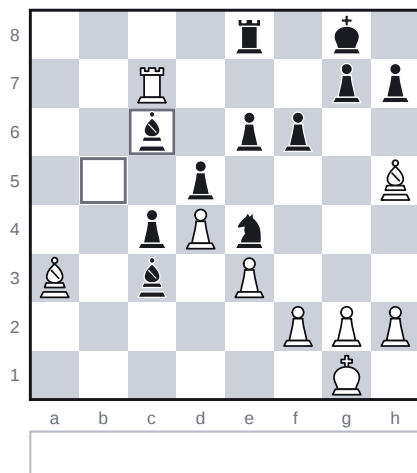
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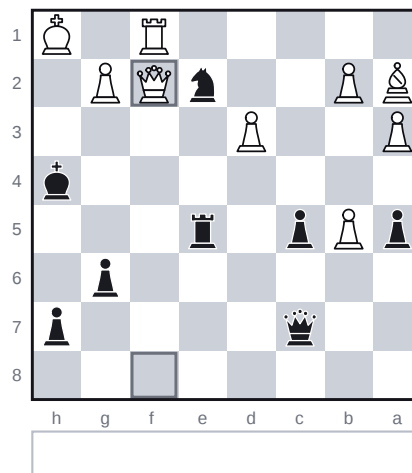
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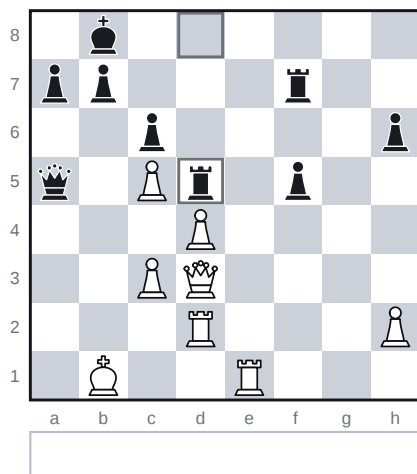
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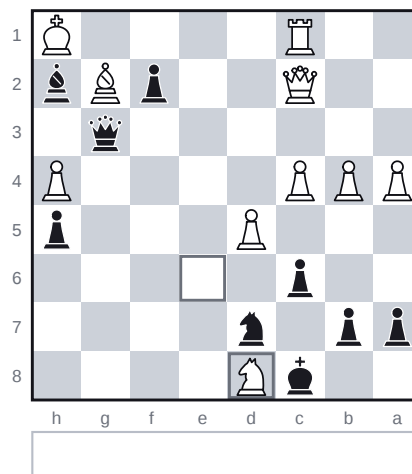
10 Black to move (2159)



11 White to move (2217)



12 Black to move (2260)



What to look for

One piece attacking two targets at once. The opponent saves one and you take the other, so look for the square that touches both.

1. **35.Qd2+ Kc8 36.Qxg2** #6klgA
The queen on d2 attacks the king on d8 and the bishop on g2. Wins a piece.
2. **31.Nh6+ Kh8 32.Qf7** #6sGgB
The knight on h6 attacks the king on g8 and the queen on f5. Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
3. **15...Rb5 16.Rf5 g6 17.Rxb5 gxh5** #65z4o
The rook on b5 attacks the queen on h5 and the bishop on a5. Wins a piece.
4. **27.Rxg7+ Qxg7 28.Qxc8** #823MX
The rook on g7 attacks the king on g6 and the queen on g8. Wins a piece.
5. **37...Qd3+ 38.Ke1 Qxb1+** #85uDv
The queen on d3 attacks the king on f1 and the rook on b1. Wins a rook.
6. **29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qf5+ Ke7 31.Qxf4** #78MBV
Wins a piece.
7. **30...Rg6 31.Bc5 Rxg2+ 32.Qxg2 Nxg2** #6iuRj
Wins a rook.
8. **24...Qb6+ 25.Kh1 Qxc7** #8B7Za
The queen on b6 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on c7. Wins a rook.
9. **26.Bf7+ Kh8 27.Bxe8** #86Hp6
The bishop on f7 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on e8. Wins a rook.
10. **39...Ng3+ 40.Kh2 Rf5 41.Be6 Rxf2** #8JJSB
The knight on g3 attacks the king on h1 and the rook on f1. Wins a queen.
11. **37.Qg3+ Ka8 38.Qg8+ Rd8 39.Qxf7** #SyxGM
Wins a rook.
12. **30...Bg1 31.Rxg1 Qxh4+ 32.Bh3 Qxh3#** #dBFkU
Mate in 3.

About these worksheets

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