

Chess Forks

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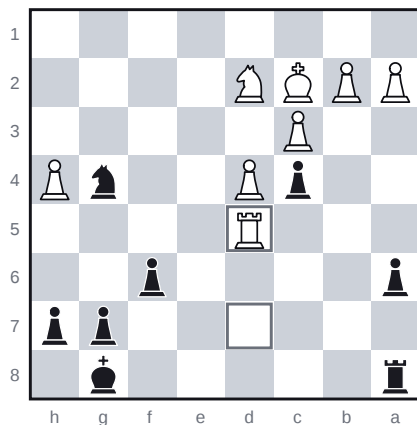
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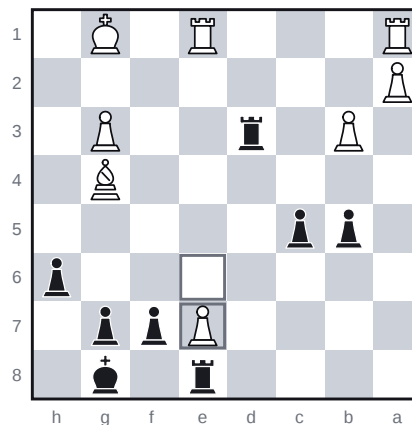
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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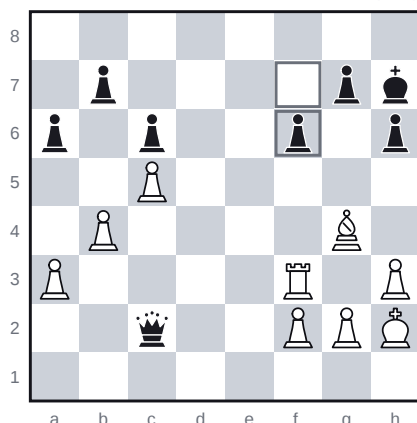
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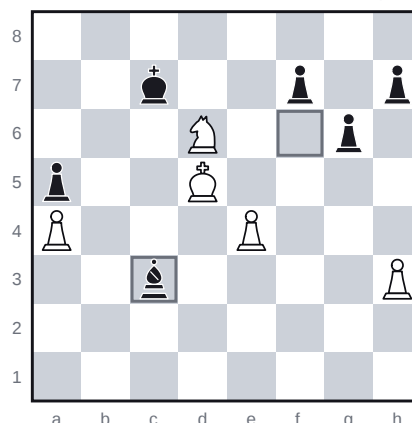
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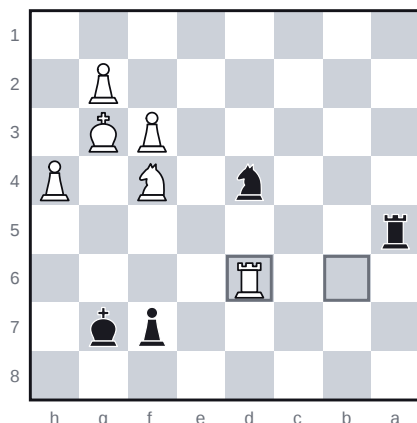
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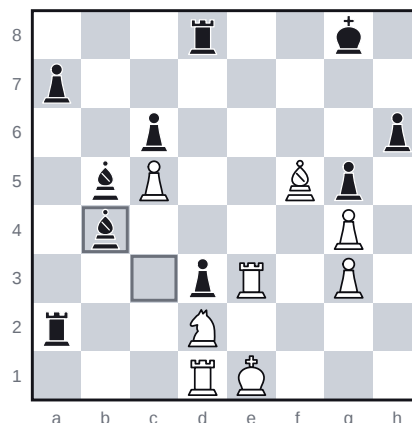
4 White to move (882)



5 Black to move (917)



6 White to move (949)



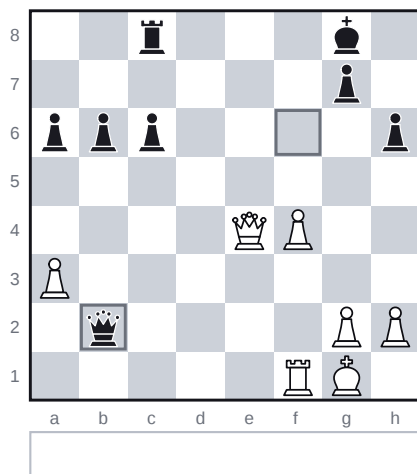
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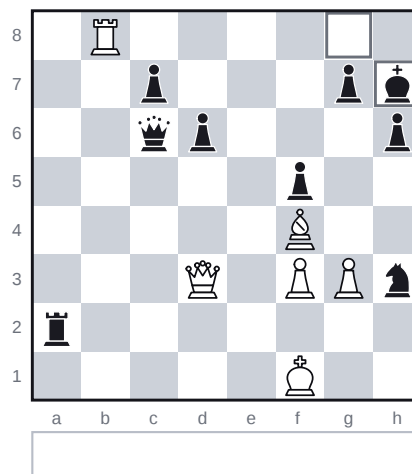
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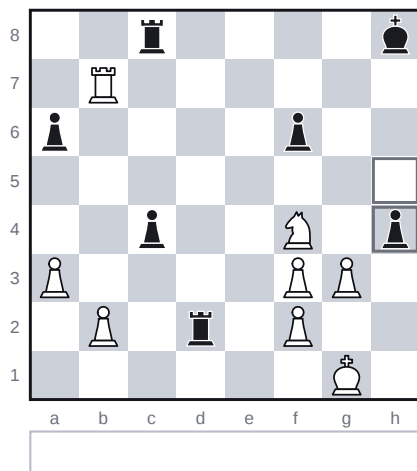
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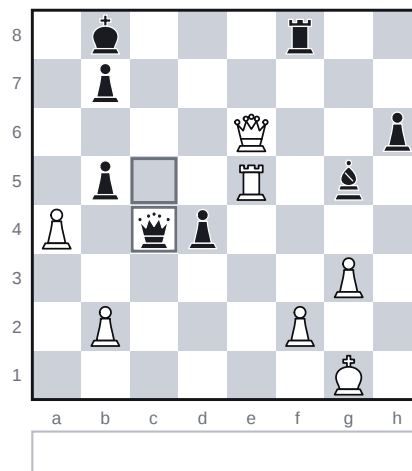
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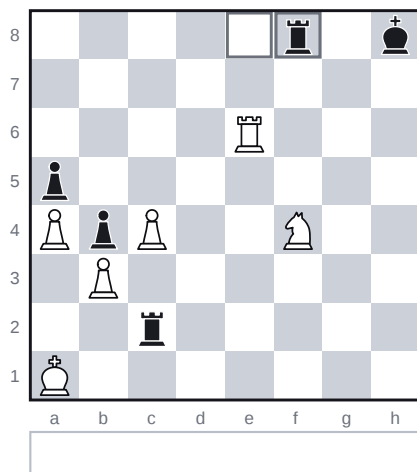
9 White to move (1115)



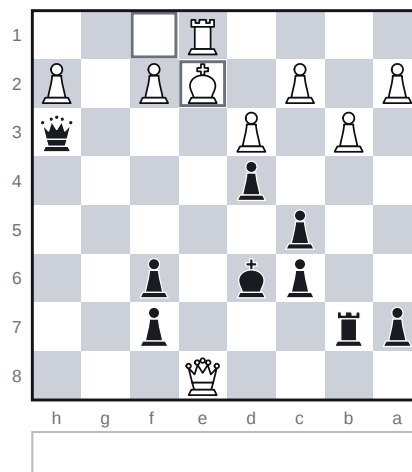
10 White to move (1162)



11 White to move (1214)



12 Black to move (1257)



Answer key

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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. **27...Ne3+ 28.Kc1 Nxd5** #HzPON
The knight on e3 attacks the king on c2 and the rook on d5. Wins a rook.
2. **36...Rxc3+ 37.Kf2 Rxc3** #JvEQV
The rook on g3 attacks the king on g1 and the bishop on g4. Wins a piece.
3. **38.Bf5+ Qxf5 39.Rxf5** #DF8dp
The bishop on f5 attacks the king on h7 and the queen on c2. Wins a rook.
4. **47.Nb5+ Kd7 48.Nxc3** #8EJ2S
The knight on b5 attacks the king on c7 and the bishop on c3. Wins a piece.
5. **63...Nf5+ 64.Kh2 Nxd6** #MO2vK
The knight on f5 attacks the king on g3 and the rook on d6. Wins a rook.
6. **34.Be6+ Kg7 35.Bxa2** #2EezM
The bishop on e6 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on a2. Wins a rook.
7. **36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Qxc8+** #Jxeu5
The queen on e6 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on c8. Wins a rook.
8. **38.Qxf5+ g6 39.Qf7#** #GdXlh
The queen on f5 attacks the king on h7 and the knight on h3. Mate in 2.
9. **33.Ng6+ Kg8 34.Ne7+ Kf8 35.Nxc8** #3iwZe
Wins a rook.
10. **39.Qd6+ Ka7 40.Qxf8** #4e9vz
The queen on d6 attacks the king on b8 and the rook on f8. Wins a rook.
11. **45.Ng6+ Kg7 46.Nxf8** #3F6OZ
The knight on g6 attacks the king on h8 and the rook on f8. Wins a rook.
12. **30...Re7+ 31.Qxe7+ Kxe7** #1eENF
The rook on e7 attacks the king on e2 and the queen on e8. Wins a piece.

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