

# Hanging Pieces

Easy · Rating 496-1292 · 12 positions

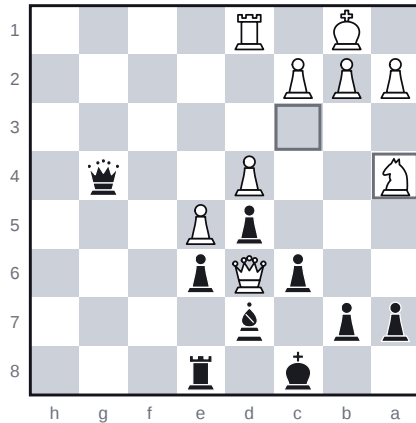
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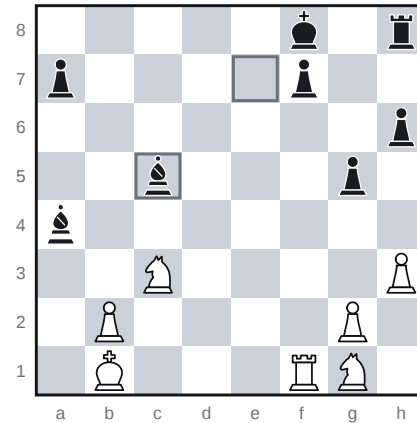
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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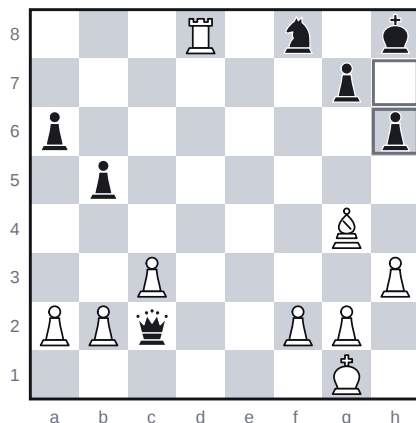
**1** Black to move (496)



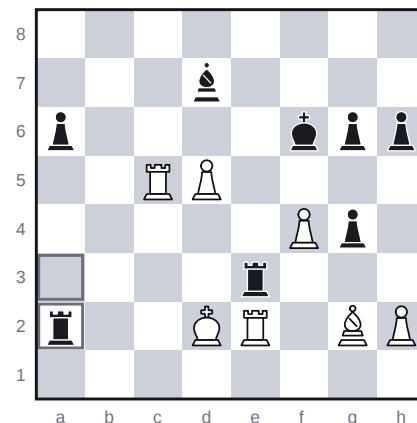

**2** White to move (835)



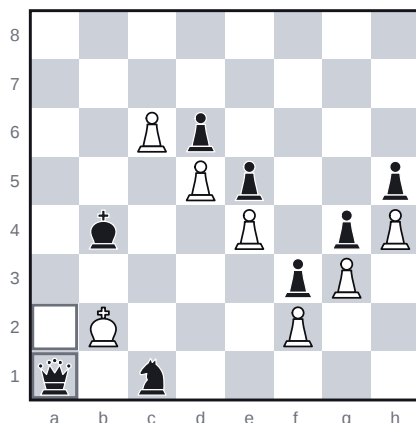

**3** White to move (897)



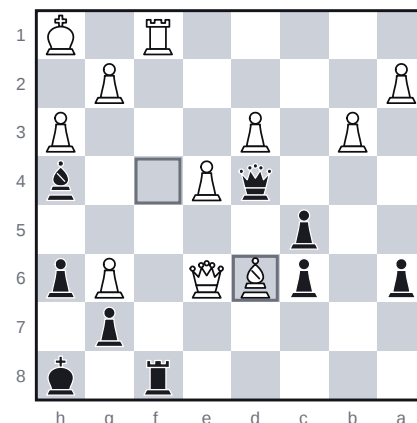

**4** White to move (926)




**5** White to move (955)




**6** Black to move (972)



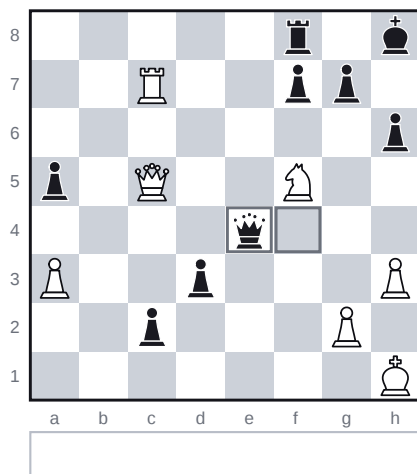
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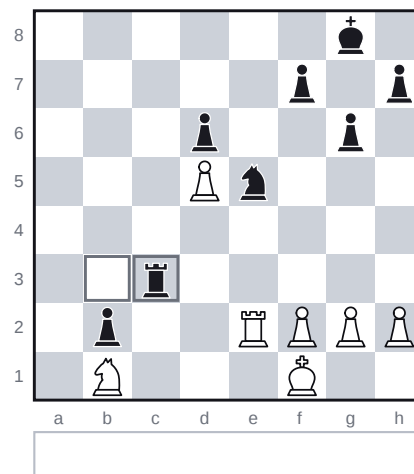
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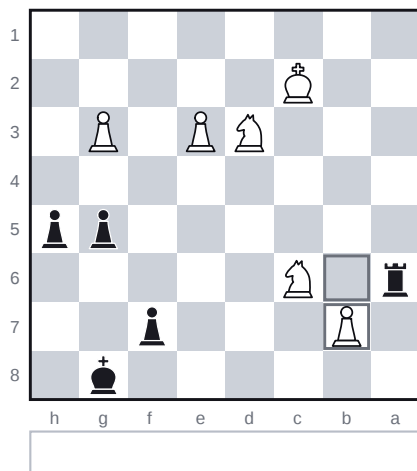
7 White to move (985)



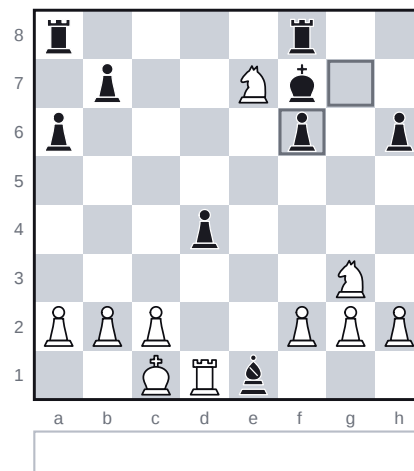
8 White to move (999)



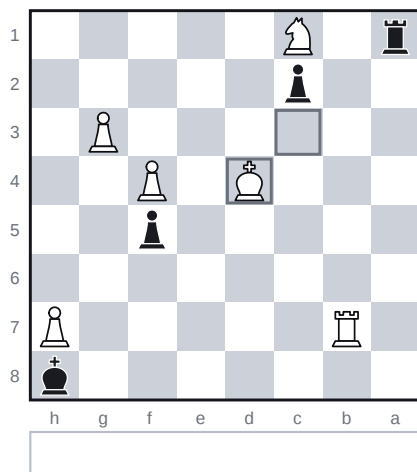
9 Black to move (1166)



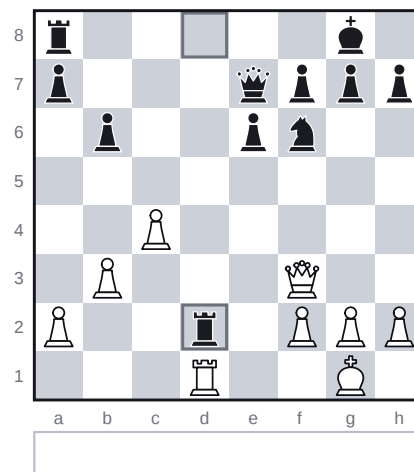
10 White to move (1210)



11 Black to move (1263)



12 White to move (1292)



# Answer key

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## What to look for

A piece that is attacked and not defended. Before anything clever, check every enemy piece for a defender.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| <b>1. 29...Qxd1#</b><br>Mate in one.                           | #eaEss |
| <b>2. 32.Nxa4 Bxg1 33.Rxg1</b><br>Wins a piece.                | #rvld9 |
| <b>3. 29.Rxf8+ Kh7 30.Bf5+ Qxf5 31.Rxf5</b><br>Wins a queen.   | #bjd0x |
| <b>4. 36.Kxe3 Rxe2+ 37.Kxe2</b><br>Wins a rook.                | #3Ti2S |
| <b>5. 55.Kxa1 Nd3 56.c7 Nxf2 57.c8=Q</b><br>Wins a queen.      | #jYhD7 |
| <b>6. 28...Rxf1+ 29.Kh2 Qg1#</b><br>Mate in 2.                 | #tg4vJ |
| <b>7. 39.Qxf8+ Kh7 40.Qxg7#</b><br>Mate in 2.                  | #FjHwN |
| <b>8. 35.Nxc3 b1=R+ 36.Nxb1</b><br>Wins a rook.                | #f7kTv |
| <b>9. 44...Rxc6+ 45.Kd2 Rb6</b><br>Wins a piece.               | #Apjz0 |
| <b>10. 20.Rxe1 Rfe8 21.Ng5</b><br>Wins a piece.                | #CS6hK |
| <b>11. 57...Rxc1 58.Rb8+ Kxh7</b><br>Wins a piece.             | #9NIBW |
| <b>12. 21.Qxa8+ Qf8 22.Qxf8+ Kxf8 23.Rxd2</b><br>Wins a queen. | #6k3Sv |

## About these worksheets

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