

Hanging Pieces

Intermediate · Rating 1336-1847 · 12 positions

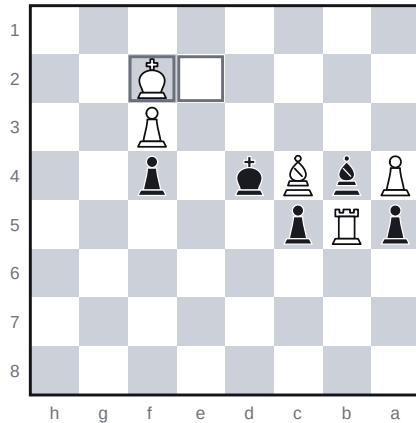
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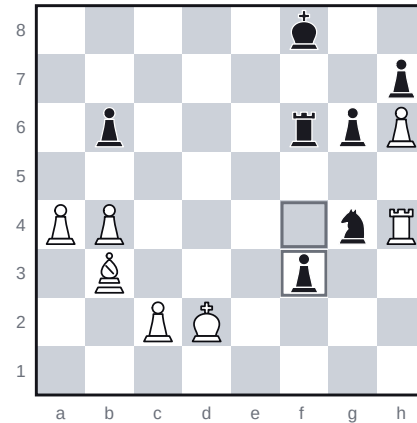
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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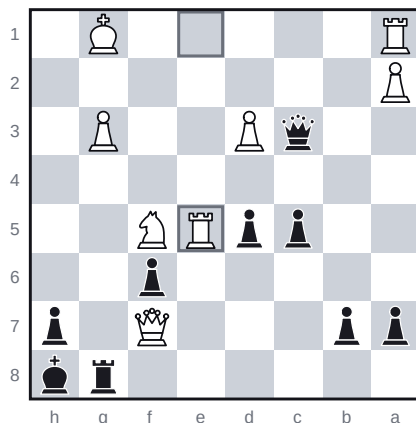
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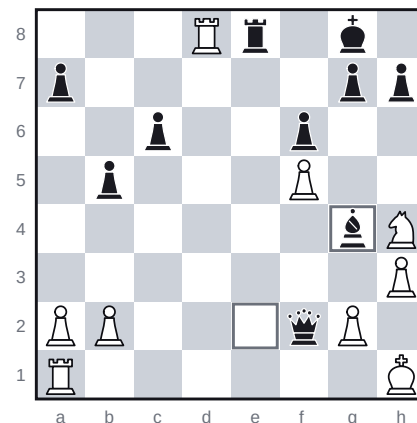
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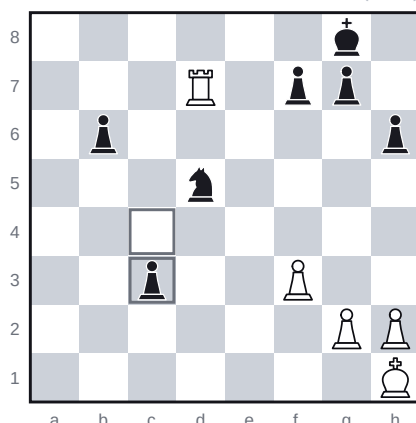
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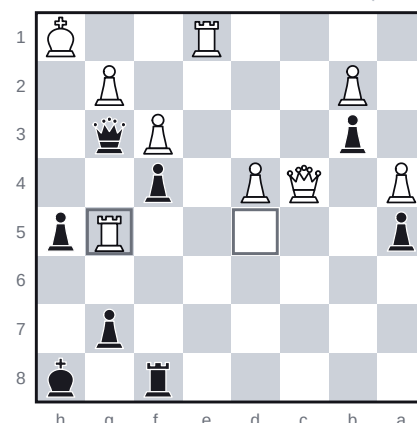
4 White to move (1421)



5 White to move (1448)



6 Black to move (1489)



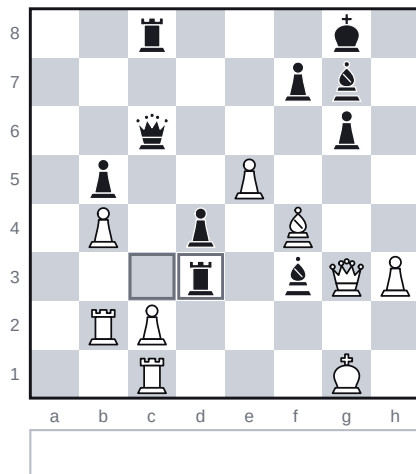
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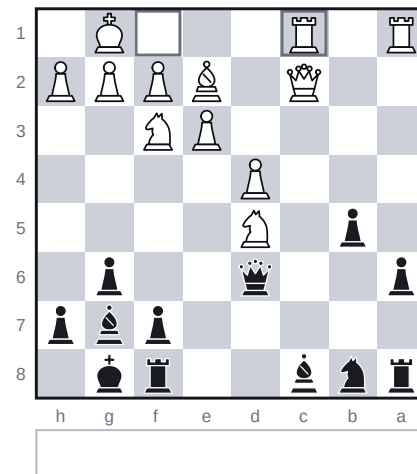
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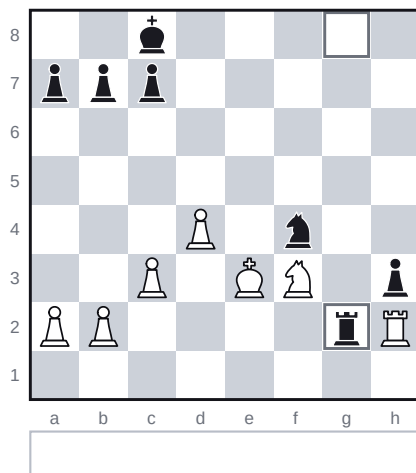
7 White to move (1529)



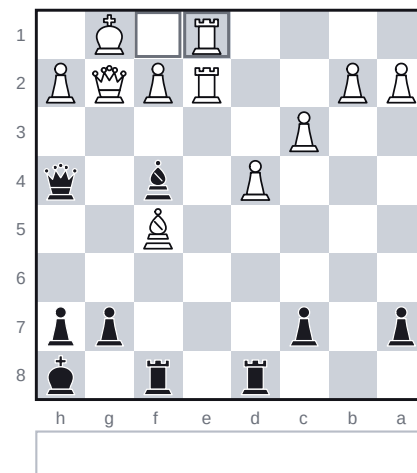
8 Black to move (1571)



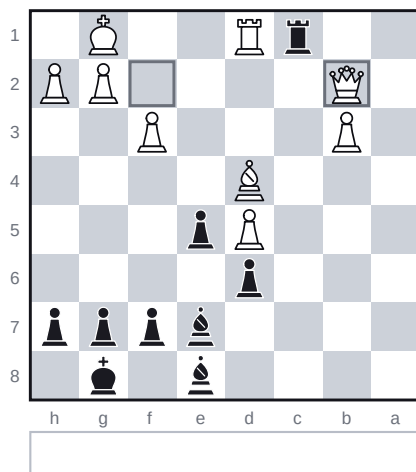
9 White to move (1623)



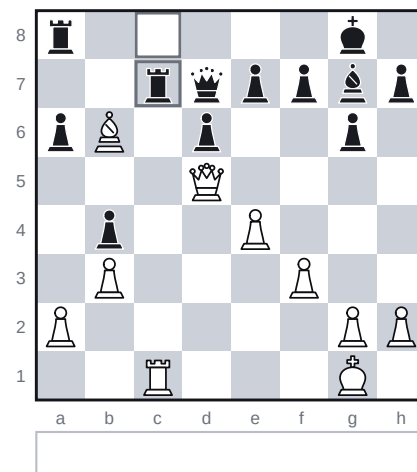
10 Black to move (1713)



11 Black to move (1815)



12 White to move (1847)



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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| 1. 82...Kxc4 83.Rb8 Kb3
Wins a piece. | #6ypii |
| 2. 41.Rxg4 f2 42.Bc4
Wins a piece. | #AipwL |
| 3. 30...Qxa1+ 31.Kf2 Qxe5
The queen on a1 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on e5. Wins a queen. | #DHZrf |
| 4. 31.Rxe8+ Kf7 32.Rae1
Wins a rook. | #5YkTL |
| 5. 40.Rxd5 c2 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.Rc8
Wins a piece. | #8TjV5 |
| 6. 39...Qxe1+ 40.Kh2 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qxg5
Wins a queen. | #8WroT |
| 7. 30.cxd3 Qxc1+ 31.Bxc1 Rxc1+ 32.Kf2
Wins a rook. | #7mU3Q |
| 8. 16...Qxd5 17.Qxc8 Rxc8 18.Rxc8+ Bf8
Wins a piece. | #5Zhfm |
| 9. 33.Kxf4 Rxh2 34.Nxh2
Wins a piece. | #7q2sv |
| 10. 21...Rxf5 22.Re8+ Rf8
Wins a piece. | #6RKBO |
| 11. 29...Rxd1+ 30.Kf2 Rxd4
The rook on d1 attacks the king on g1 and the bishop on d4. Wins a rook. | #FFUeQ |
| 12. 23.Qxa8+ Qc8 24.Qxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rxc8+
Wins a queen. | #9qh95 |

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