

Mate in One

Easy · Rating 424-1268 · 12 positions

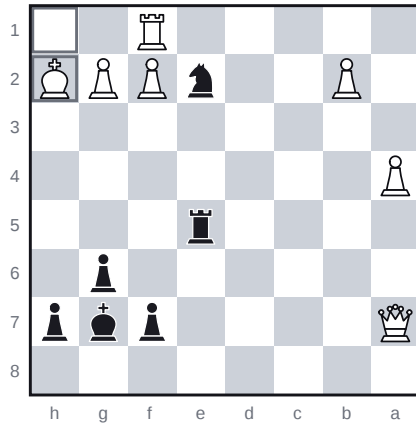
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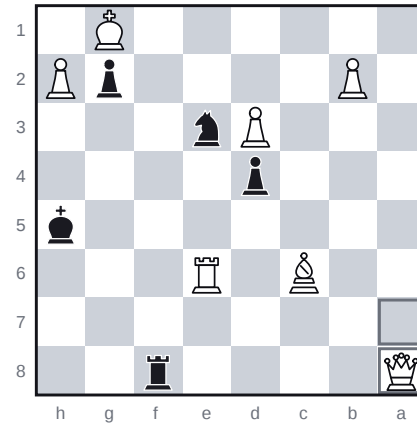
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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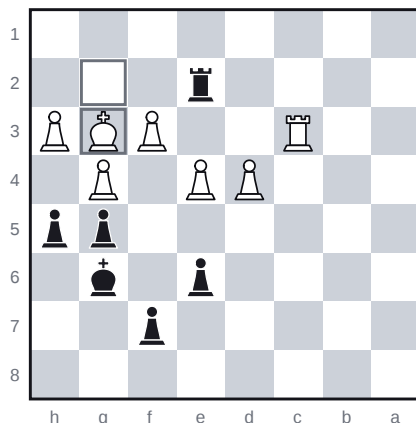
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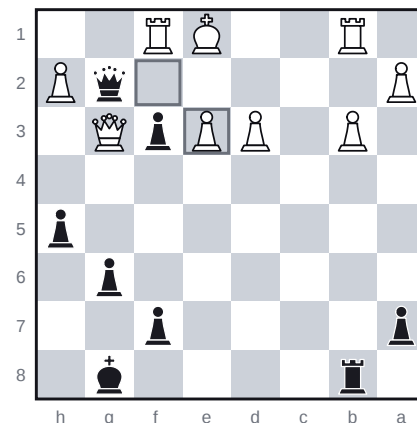
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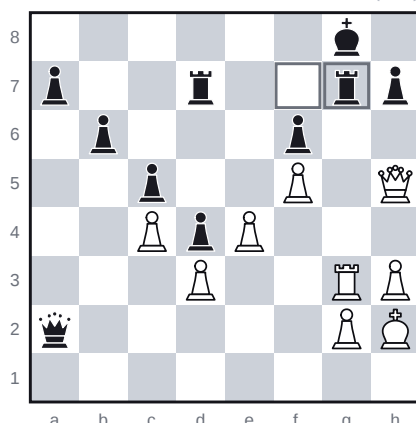
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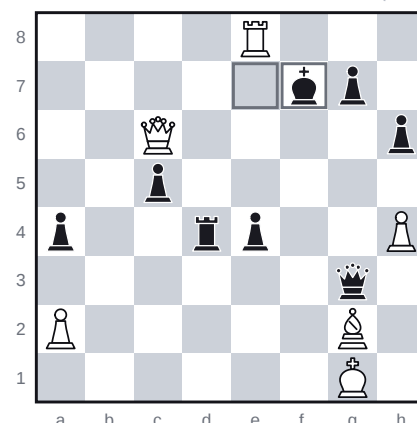
4 Black to move (912)



5 White to move (947)



6 White to move (971)



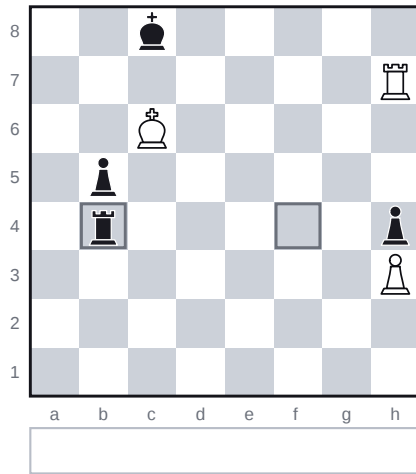
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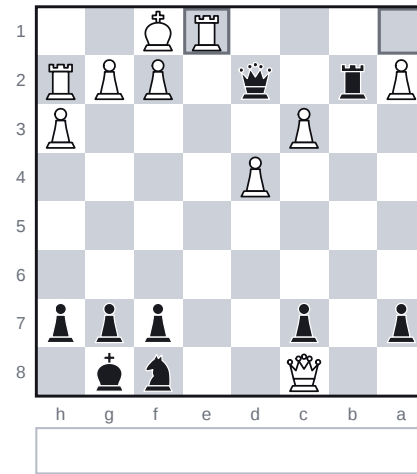
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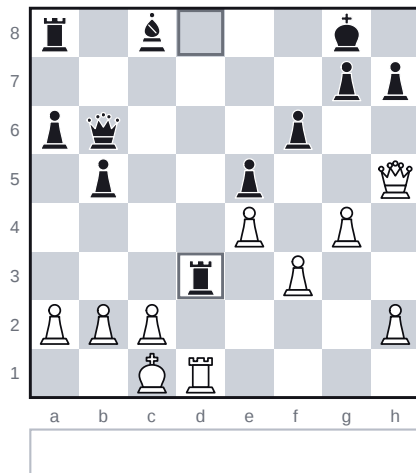
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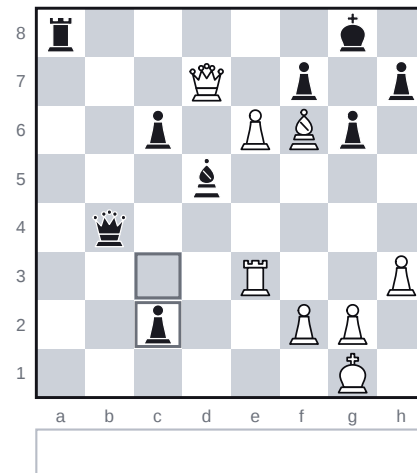
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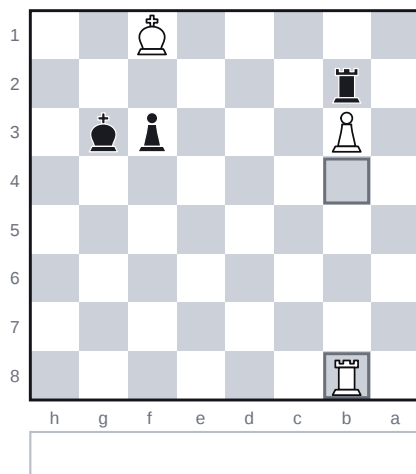
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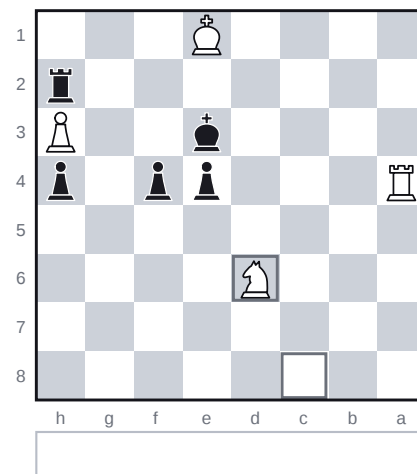
10 White to move (1185)



11 Black to move (1222)



12 Black to move (1268)



Answer key

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What to look for

One move ends the game. Look at checks first, and only at checks: if it is mate in one, it is a check.

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| 1. 30...Rh5#
Mate in one. | #3PimD |
| 2. 39...Rf1#
Mate in one. | #8xSa6 |
| 3. 45...h4#
Mate in one. | #HAY3K |
| 4. 26...Qe2#
The queen on e2 attacks the king on e1 and the rook on f1. Mate in one. | #JiRF2 |
| 5. 33.Qe8#
The queen on e8 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on d7. Mate in one. | #Eqdj7 |
| 6. 50.Qe6#
Mate in one. | #UU2Sv |
| 7. 58.Rh8#
Mate in one. | #L1ARr |
| 8. 22...Qxf2#
The queen on f2 attacks the king on f1 and the rook on e1. Mate in one. | #6s4dK |
| 9. 23.Qe8#
The queen on e8 attacks the king on g8 and the bishop on c8. Mate in one. | #7EILU |
| 10. 36.Qxf7#
Mate in one. | #4Lcv1 |
| 11. 54...Rb1#
Mate in one. | #5j3aL |
| 12. 56...Rh1#
Mate in one. | #5B9rw |

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