

Mate in Two

Advanced · Rating 1858-2239 · 12 positions

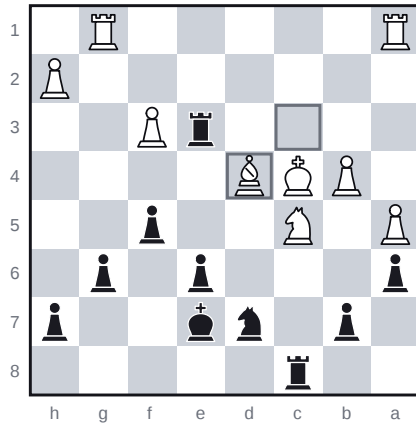
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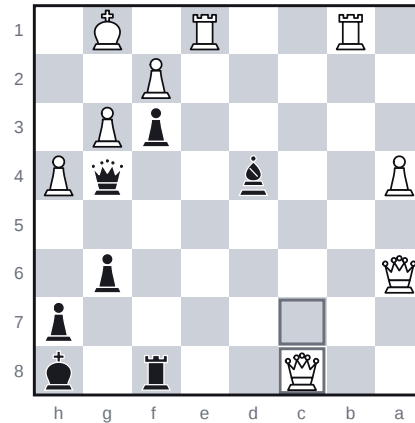
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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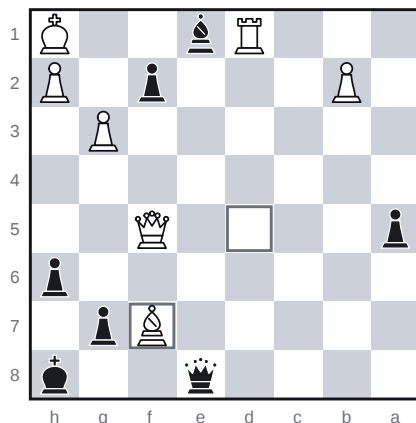
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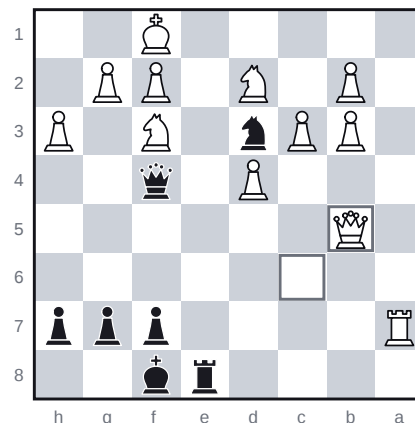
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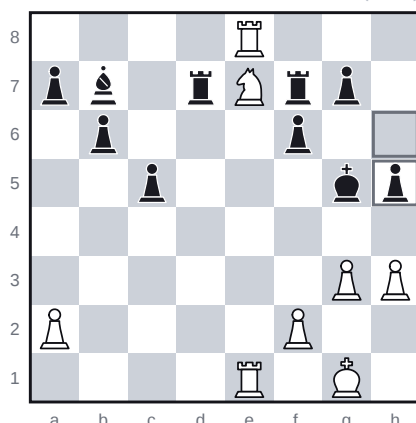
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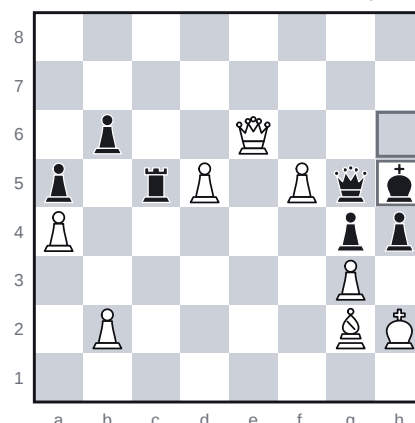
4 Black to move (1927)



5 White to move (1946)



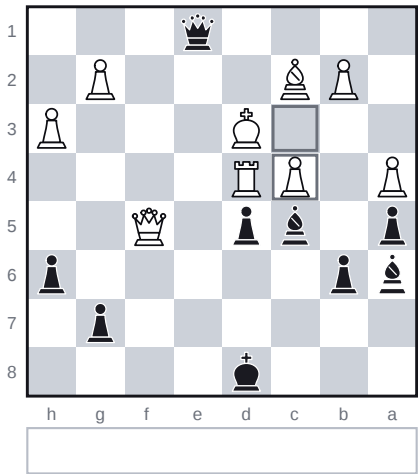
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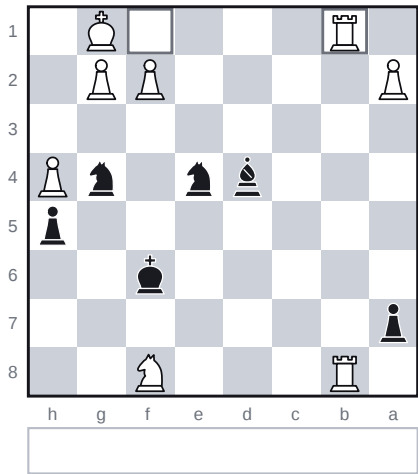
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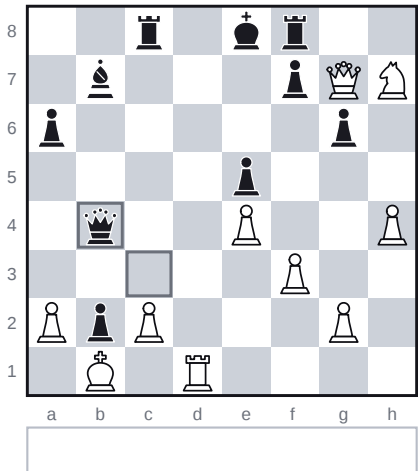
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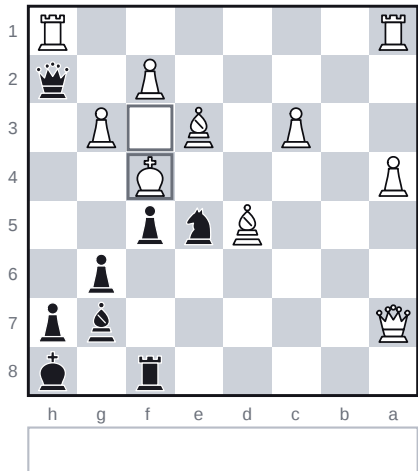
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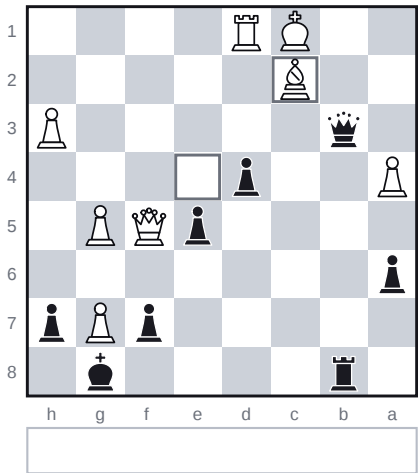
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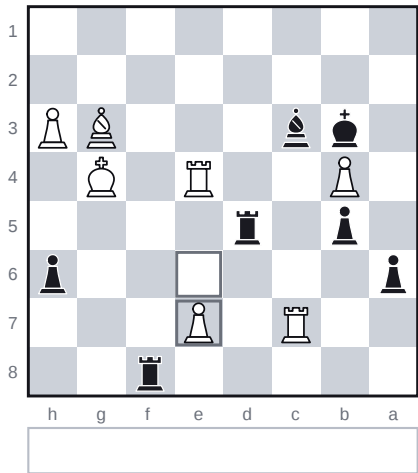
10 Black to move (2102)



11 Black to move (2211)



12 Black to move (2239)



Answer key

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What to look for

Two forcing moves. The first one takes away every option the king has except the one you want.

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| 1. 32...b5+ 33.axb6 Nxb6#
Mate in 2. | #BrOQY |
| 2. 35...Qxg3+ 36.Kf1 Qxf2#
Mate in 2. | #BnIL0 |
| 3. 37...Qe4+ 38.Qxe4 f1=Q#
The queen on e4 attacks the king on h1 and the queen on f5. Mate in 2. | #BiYcg |
| 4. 25...Re1+ 26.Nxe1 Qxf2#
Mate in 2. | #CUlr8 |
| 5. 34.f4+ Kh6 35.Rh8#
Mate in 2. | #DjX2s |
| 6. 42.Qe8+ Kh6 43.Qh8#
Mate in 2. | #CDuSr |
| 7. 36...Bxc4+ 37.Rxc4 Qe3#
Mate in 2. | #7uhTo |
| 8. 35...Bxf2+ 36.Kf1 Ng3#
Mate in 2. | #B58F4 |
| 9. 26.Qxe5+ Qe7 27.Nf6#
Mate in 2. | #89rMC |
| 10. 26...g5+ 27.Kxg5 Bh6#
Mate in 2. | #7mJsh |
| 11. 30...Qa3+ 31.Kd2 Qe3#
Mate in 2. | #uFOca |
| 12. 43...h5+ 44.Kh4 Bf6#
Mate in 2. | #k8onD |

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