

Mate in Two

Easy · Rating 544-1265 · 12 positions

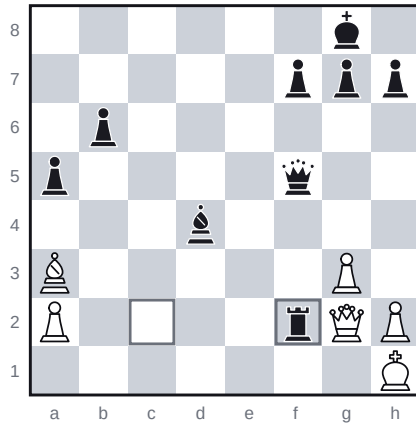
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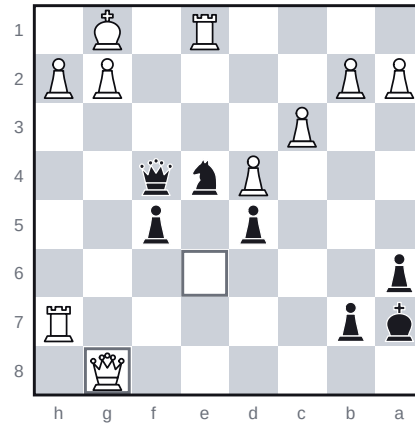
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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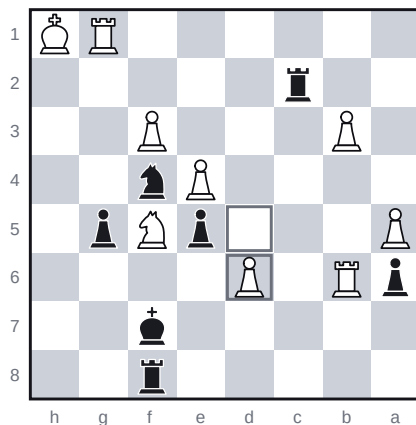
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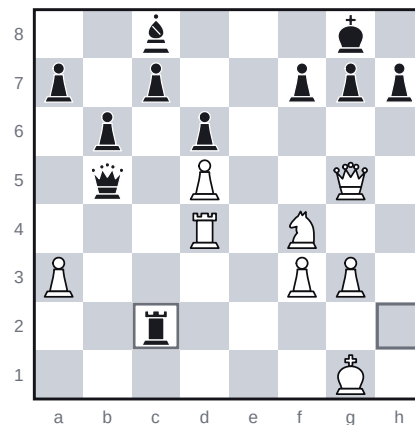
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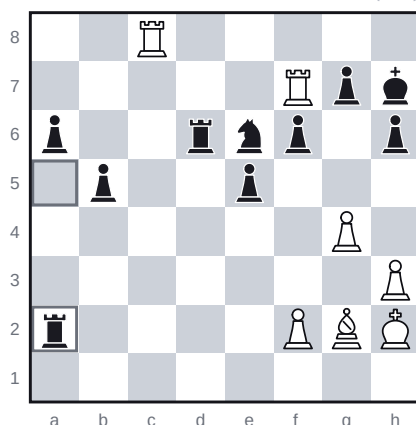
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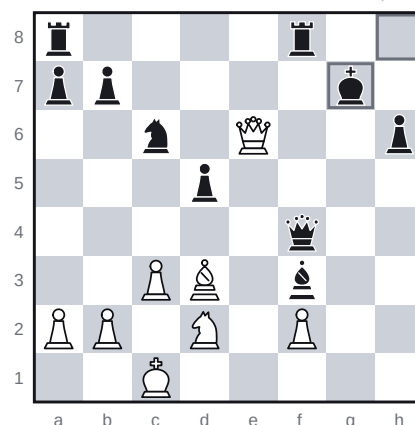
4 White to move (919)



5 White to move (942)



6 White to move (963)



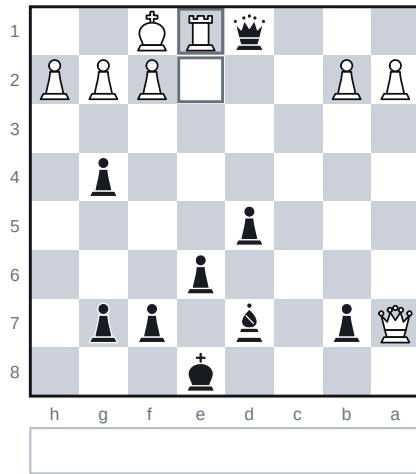
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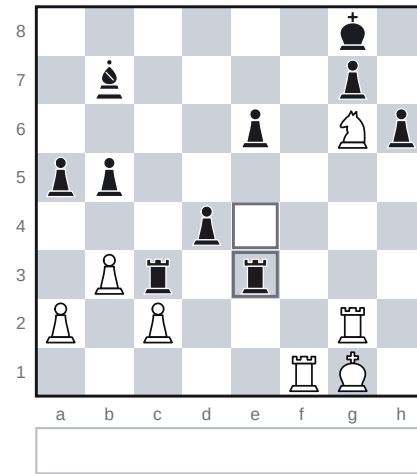
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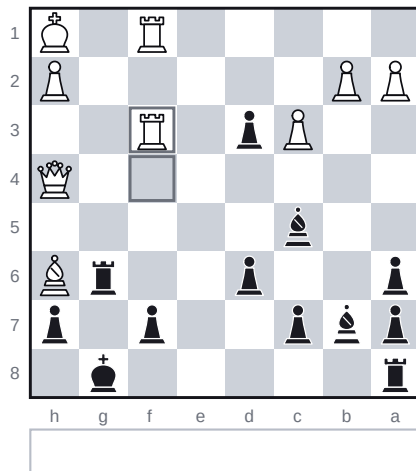
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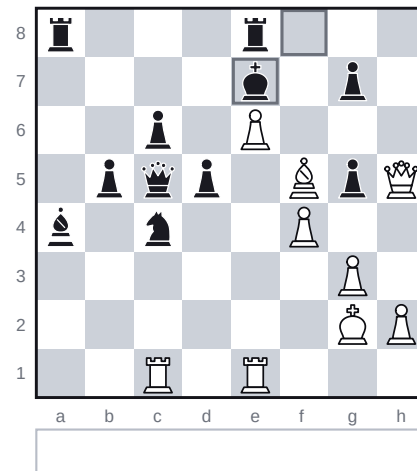
8 White to move (997)



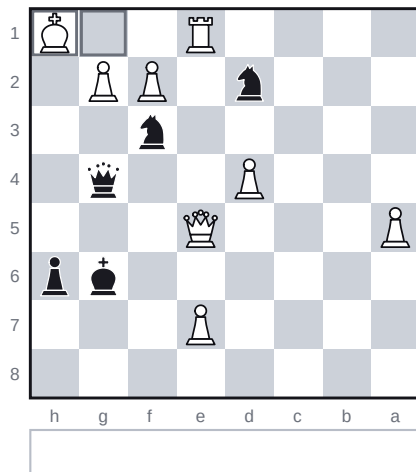
9 Black to move (1128)



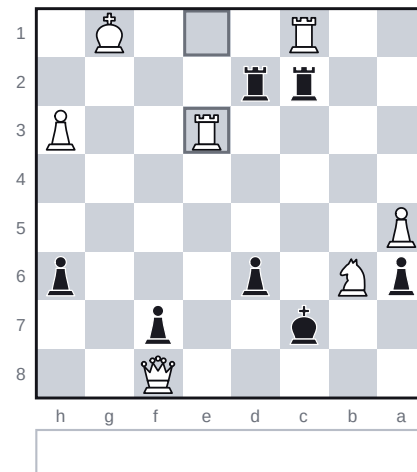
10 White to move (1172)



11 Black to move (1216)



12 Black to move (1265)



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. 29.Qa8+ Qc8 30.Qxc8#
Mate in 2. | #C1VFe |
| 2. 30...Qf2+ 31.Kh1 Qxe1#
The queen on f2 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on e1. Mate in 2. | #CZZgZ |
| 3. 42...Rh8+ 43.Nh6+ Rxh6#
Mate in 2. | #AHQ2r |
| 4. 27.Qd8+ Qe8 28.Qxe8#
The queen on d8 attacks the king on g8 and the bishop on c8. Mate in 2. | #Cm50N |
| 5. 40.Be4+ f5 41.Bxf5#
Mate in 2. | #0Zhck |
| 6. 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Qh7#
The queen on g6 attacks the king on g7 and the knight on c6. Mate in 2. | #5Vo5y |
| 7. 30...Bb5+ 31.Kg1 Qxe1#
Mate in 2. | #2PPyV |
| 8. 37.Rf8+ Kh7 38.Rh8#
Mate in 2. | #DYJHx |
| 9. 24...Bxf3+ 25.Rxf3 Rg1#
Mate in 2. | #1hWor |
| 10. 33.Qf7+ Kd6 34.Qd7#
The queen on f7 attacks the king on e7 and the rook on e8. Mate in 2. | #3LSST |
| 11. 54...Qh4+ 55.Qh2 Qxh2#
Mate in 2. | #2VShV |
| 12. 32...Rxc1+ 33.Re1 Rxe1#
Mate in 2. | #3Dvi4 |

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