

Mate in Two

Intermediate · Rating 1308-1829 · 12 positions

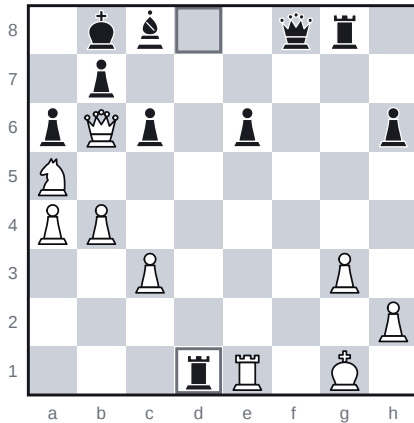
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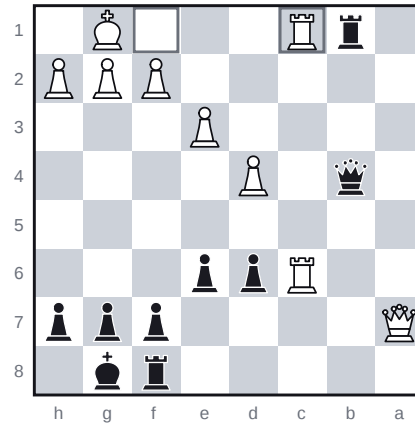
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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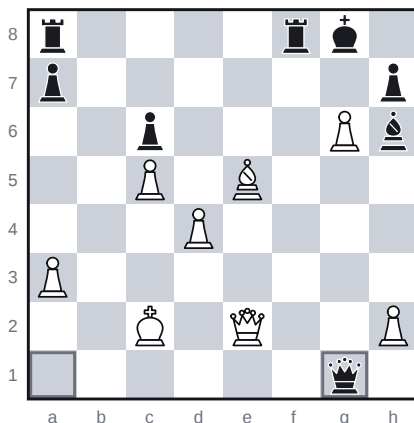
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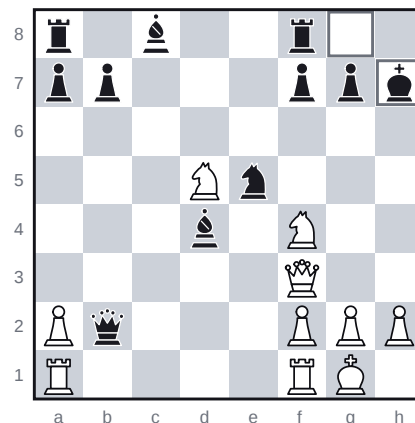
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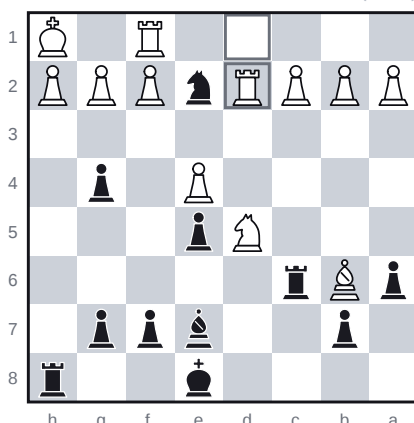
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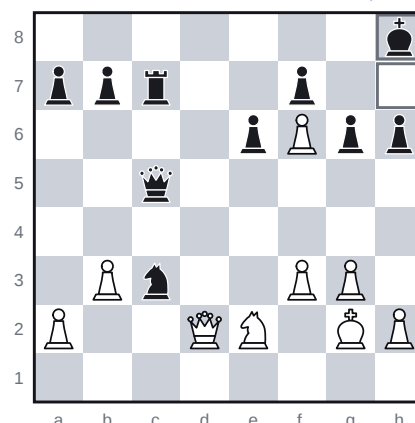
4 White to move (1439)



5 Black to move (1487)



6 White to move (1535)



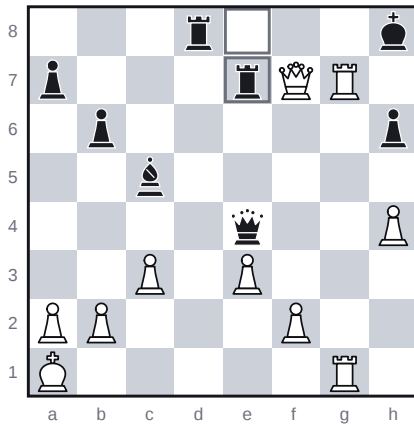
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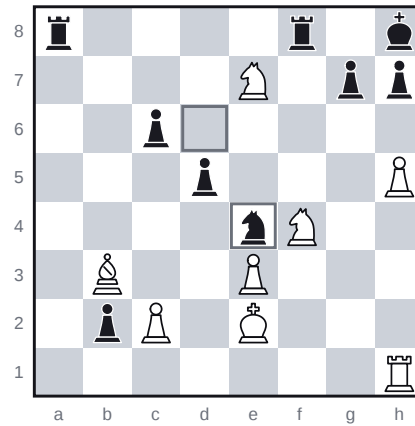
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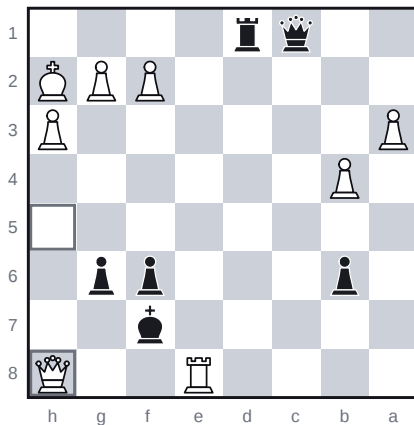
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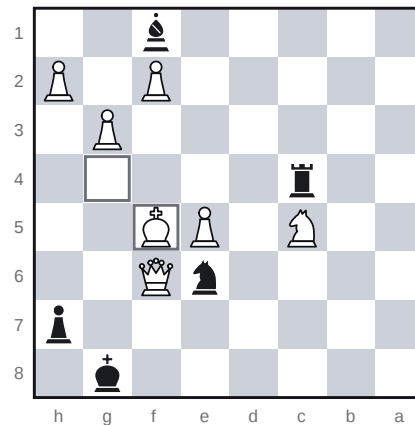
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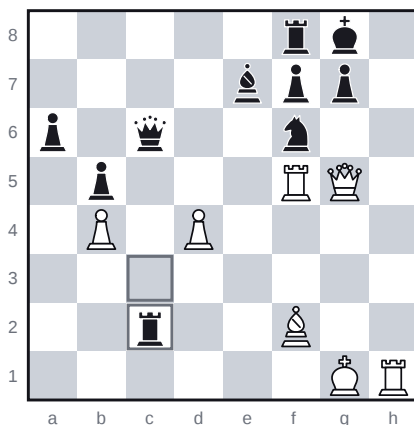
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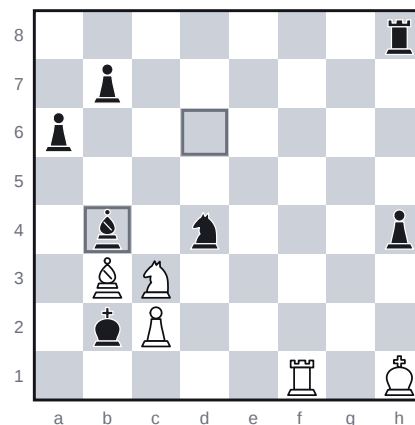
10 Black to move (1751)



11 White to move (1808)



12 White to move (1829)



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. 35.Nxc6+ Ka8 36.Qa7#
Mate in 2. | #2ga2X |
| 2. 25...Qe1+ 26.Rxe1 Rxe1#
The queen on e1 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on c1. Mate in 2. | #3PMMd |
| 3. 34.Qc4+ Rf7 35.Qxf7#
Mate in 2. | #2RBB0 |
| 4. 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Ne7#
The queen on h5 attacks the king on h7 and the knight on e5. Mate in 2. | #2zAkv |
| 5. 19...Rxb2+ 20.Kxb2 Rb6#
Mate in 2. | #4HdOv |
| 6. 34.Qxh6+ Kg8 35.Qg7#
Mate in 2. | #4O9cb |
| 7. 29.Rg8+ Rxb8 30.Rxb8#
The rook on g8 attacks the king on h8 and the rook on d8. Mate in 2. | #2TcPO |
| 8. 35.Nfg6+ hxb6 36.hxb6#
The knight on g6 attacks the king on h8 and the rook on f8. Mate in 2. | #4E4rz |
| 9. 40...Qf4+ 41.g3 Qxf2#
Mate in 2. | #2TYGJ |
| 10. 46...Bh3+ 47.g4 Bxb4#
Mate in 2. | #2I6nm |
| 11. 32.Qxg7+ Kxb7 33.Rg5#
The queen on g7 attacks the king on g8 and the rook on f8. Mate in 2. | #89do9 |
| 12. 36.Na4+ Ka3 37.Ra1#
Mate in 2. | #7MIAA |

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