

Chess Pins

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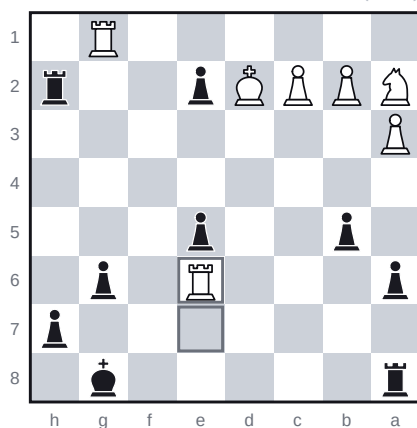
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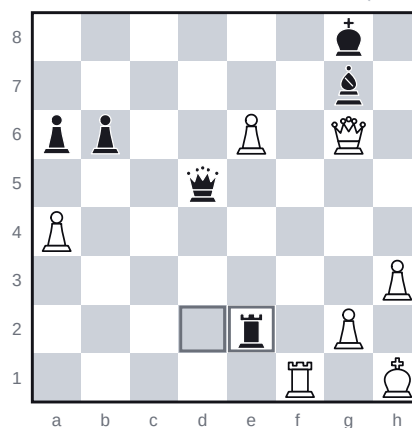
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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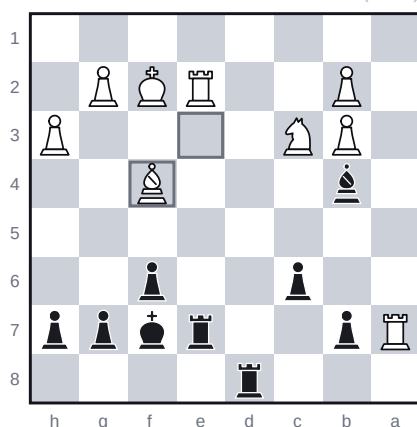
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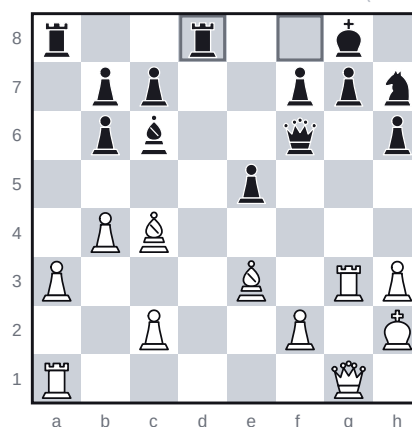
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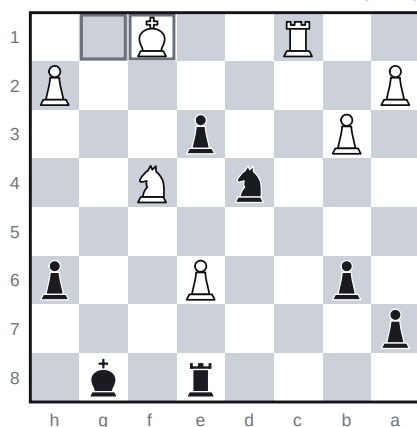
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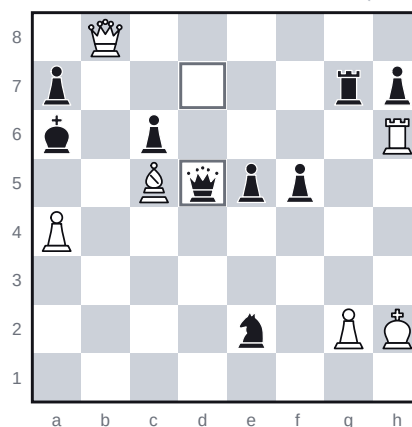
4 White to move (1962)



5 Black to move (1978)



6 White to move (1997)



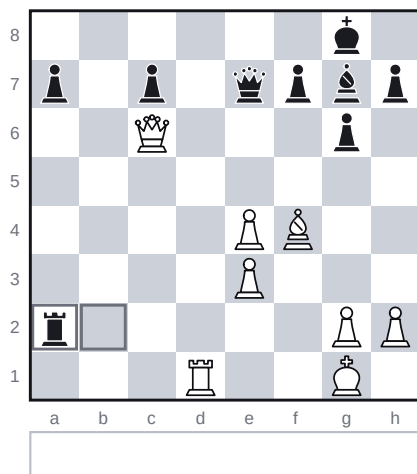
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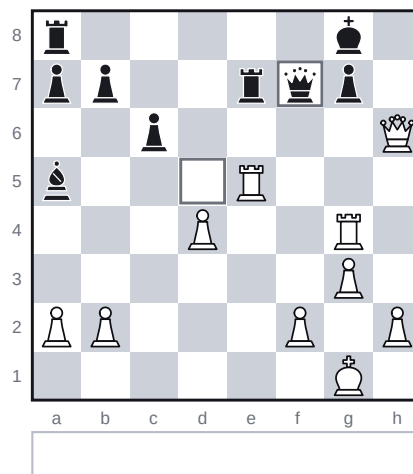
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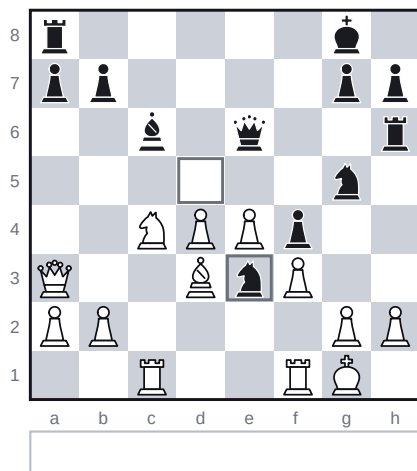
7 White to move (2041)



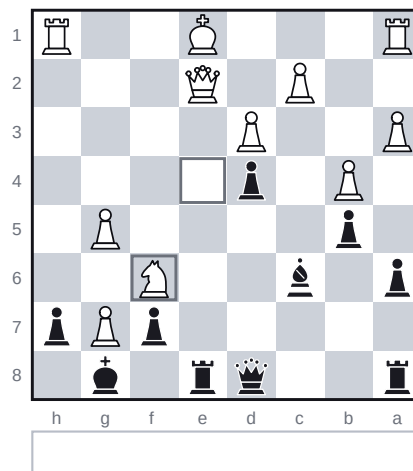
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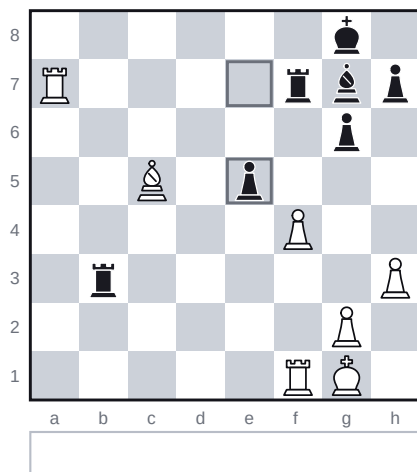
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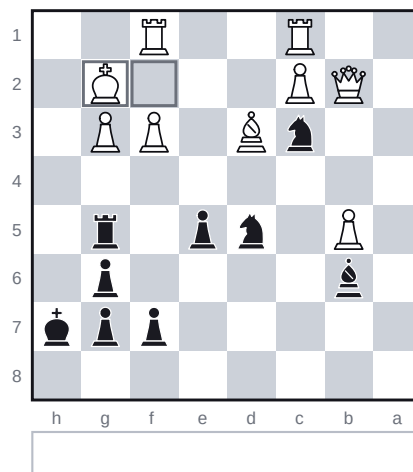
10 Black to move (2169)



11 White to move (2208)



12 Black to move (2257)



What to look for

A piece that cannot move without exposing something more valuable behind it. Find the line first, then find the piece standing on it.

1. **23...Rd8+ 24.Kc1 Rf2 25.Re1 Rf1** #7bVWM
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
2. **39.Rf8+ Kxf8 40.Qf7#** #8UtDm
Mate in 2.
3. **27...Bc5+ 28.Be3 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 Bxa7** #7jjxb
The bishop on c5 attacks the king on f2 and the rook on a7. Wins a piece.
4. **21.Rg6 Rd6 22.Rxf6** #8KXMt
Wins a queen.
5. **28...Rf8 29.Ke1 Rxf4 30.Rc8+ Rf8** #7ehw7
Wins a piece.
6. **37.Qb5#** #8Lzrs
The queen on b5 attacks the king on a6 and the knight on e2. Mate in one.
7. **22.Qa8+ Bf8 23.Bh6** #3fAPn
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
8. **24.Rh5 Qxh5 25.Qxh5** #6y5Hj
Wins a piece.
9. **23.Nxe3 fxe3 24.Bc4 Qxc4 25.Rxc4** #8swxZ
Wins a rook.
10. **23...Qxf6 24.gxf6 Bxh1** #77dbO
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
11. **23.Ra8+ Bf8 24.fxe5 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1** #U6Wdo
Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
12. **39...Nf4+ 40.Kh2 Rh5#** #QsffK
The knight on f4 attacks the king on g2 and the bishop on d3. Mate in 2.

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