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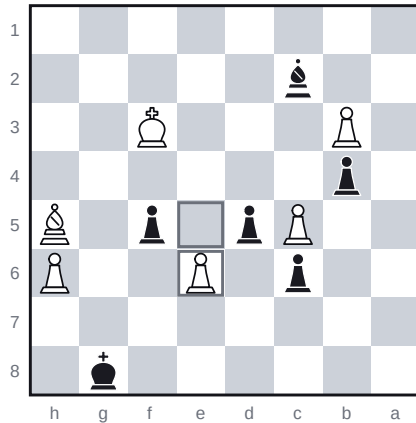
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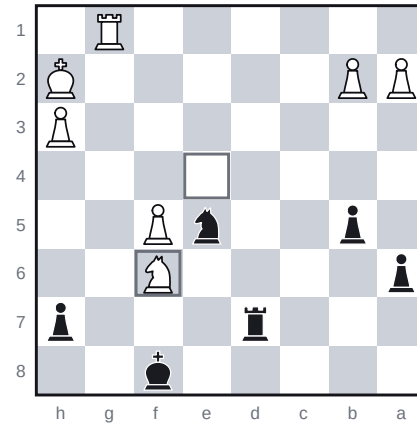
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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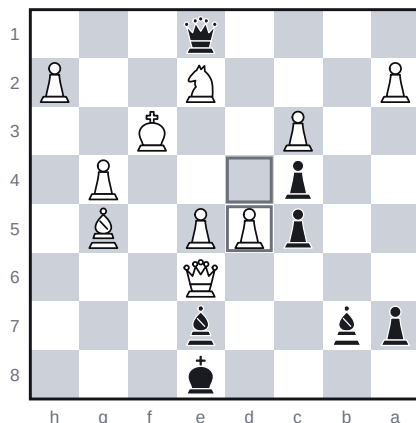
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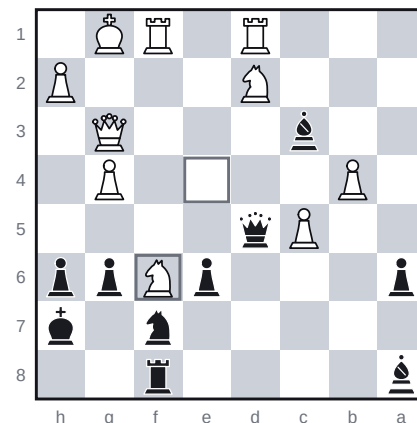
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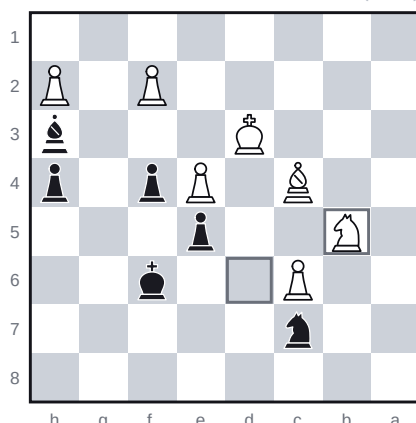
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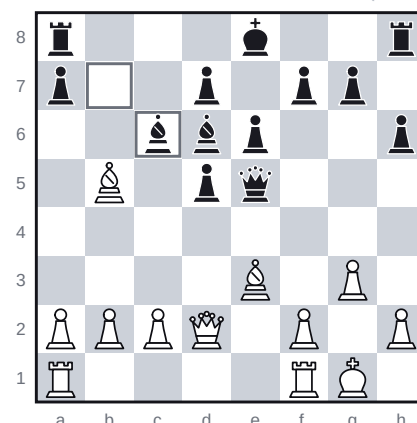
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5 Black to move (1935)



6 White to move (1947)



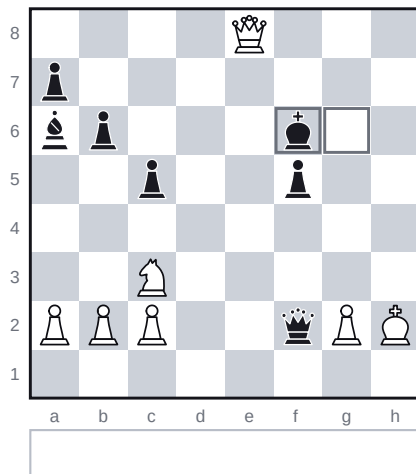
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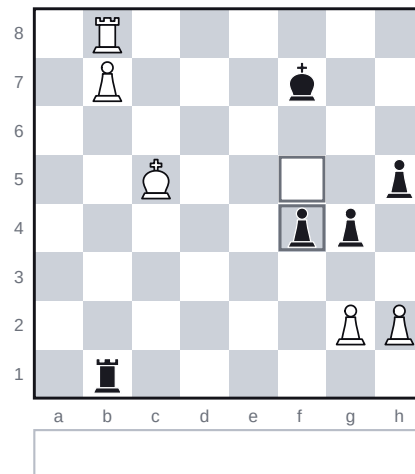
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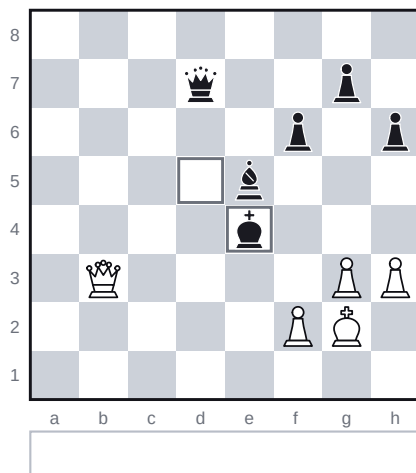
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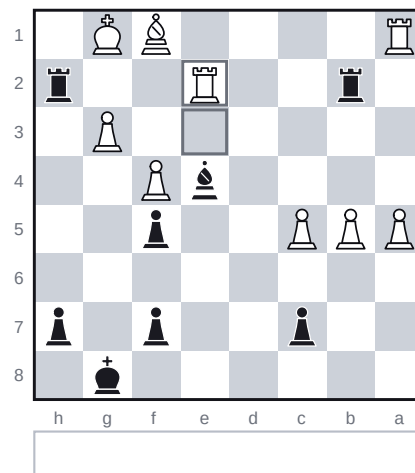
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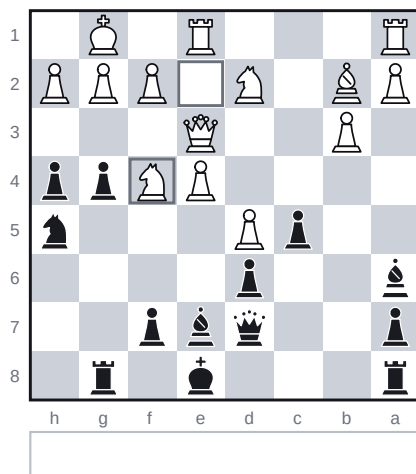
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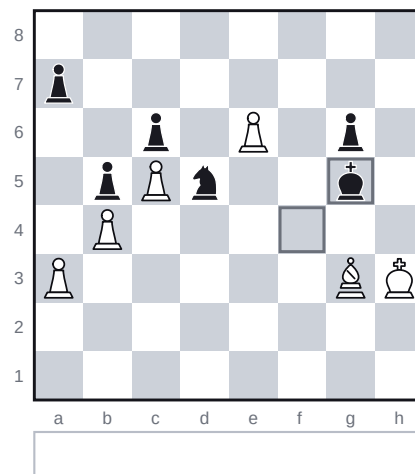
10 Black to move (2062)



11 Black to move (2218)



12 White to move (2268)



Answer key

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What to look for

A pin backwards: the valuable piece is in front and has to move, and what was hiding behind it falls.

1. **50...Bd1+ 51.Kf4 Bxh5** #KKWkc
Wins a piece.
2. **35...Nf3+ 36.Kg3 Rg7+ 37.Kxf3 Rxd1** #NS3Nr
The knight on f3 attacks the king on h2 and the rook on g1. Comes out 2 pawns ahead.
3. **35...Bxd5+ 36.Qxd5 Qh1+ 37.Kf2 Qxd5** #Aca9B
The bishop on d5 attacks the king on f3 and the queen on e6. Wins a rook.
4. **36...Bxf6 37.Rxf6 Qh1+ 38.Kf2 Qxd1** #DYIPQ
Wins a rook.
5. **56...Nxb5 57.Bxb5 Bf1+ 58.Kc3 Bxb5** #N9LPc
Wins a piece.
6. **15.Bxc6 dxc6 16.Bf4 Qh5 17.Bxd6** #PLvUU
Wins a piece.
7. **31.Ne4+ fxe4 32.Qf8+ Ke5 33.Qxf2** #Cq9Mq
The knight on e4 attacks the king on f6 and the queen on f2. Wins a rook.
8. **45.Rh8 Rxb7 46.Rh7+ Kf6 47.Rxb7** #LgBhu
Wins a piece.
9. **59.Qf3+ Kd4 60.Qd1+ Kc3 61.Qxd7** #OqNvh
Wins a queen.
10. **32...Rbxe2 33.Bxe2 Rh1+ 34.Kf2 Rxa1** #LE54O
Wins a rook.
11. **21...Nxf4 22.Qxf4 Bg5 23.Qf5 Bxd2** #p8bY4
Wins a piece.
12. **52.e7 Nxe7 53.Bh4+ Kf4 54.Bxe7** #wnaXP
Comes out 2 pawns ahead.

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