



DELANCEY UK SCHOOLS

CHESS CHALLENGE

Activity Booklet

Saturday 19/09/2020



Introduction

The UKCC weekly activity booklet will be sent out every Saturday morning and contains chess puzzles and activities for a range of ability levels.

Players are encouraged to at least try and complete the page most relevant to their ability level (see table below). However you are welcome to tackle the entire booklet! At the end of the booklet there are some more general puzzles / activities for everyone to enjoy

Solutions

Solutions will be posted alongside the following weeks activity booklet and there will also be a video solution guide.

Please email us any feedback or ideas for future puzzles!

Ability Levels

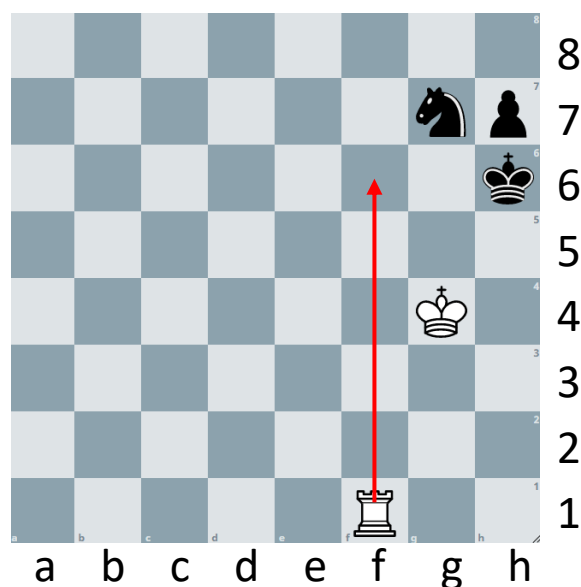
Club	Description	Approximate ECF Grade *
DECA – Club	Complete beginners and those with an incomplete grasp of the rules	Ungraded
MEGA – Club	Know the rules but little grasp of planning what to do beyond capturing and quick checkmates. Little to no tournament experience	0 – 59
GIGA – Club	Players with some tournament experience looking to “level up”	60 – 99
TERA – Club	More experienced players who have won or placed highly in local competitions	100 – 129
EXA - Club	Very experienced players with success at National Level events	130 – 159

Example

Below are examples of how you might write your solution to a puzzle presented in the booklet. Or you might prefer to just solve them in your head – completely up to you!

Q: Can you find checkmate in one for white?

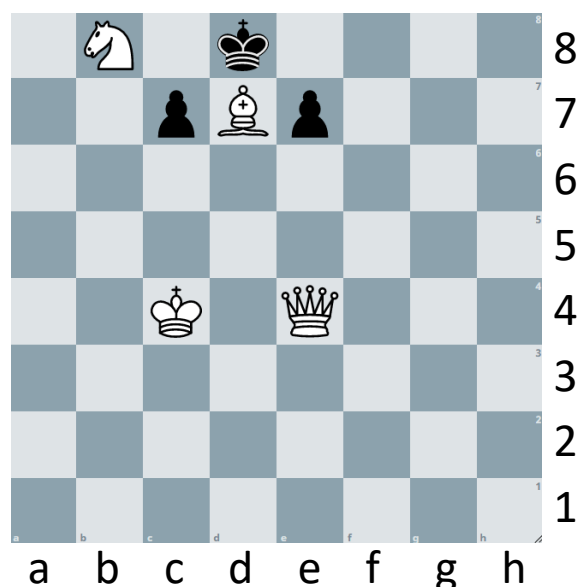
Here, because the solution is only one move, you might draw arrows on the board or you can use the lines below to answer – or both!



Rf6#
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Q: Can you find checkmate in two for white?

Here, the solution is a bit (OK a lot!) trickier and requires consideration of multiple variations. If you are familiar with coordinates, it is probably best that you write your answer out as shown.

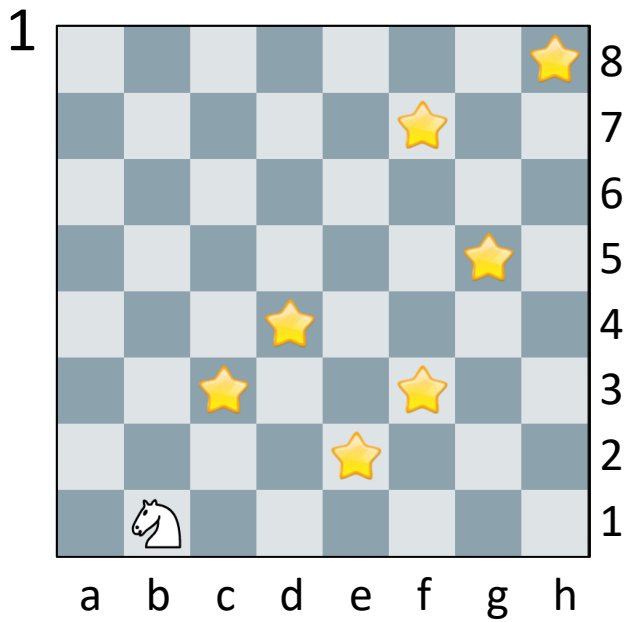
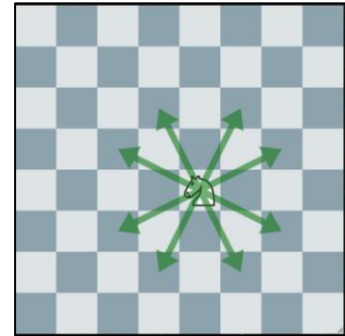


1.Qe1 e6 (1..c6 2.Qa5#) 2. Qh4#
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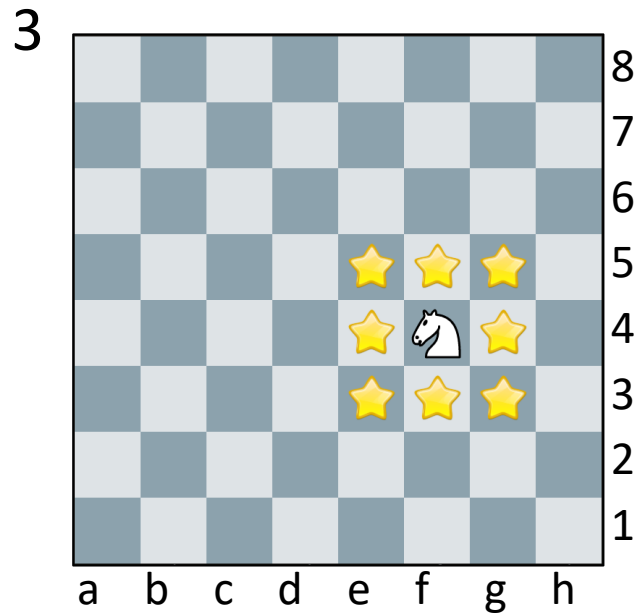
Deca

The knight is a tricky piece that moves in an “L—Shape”.

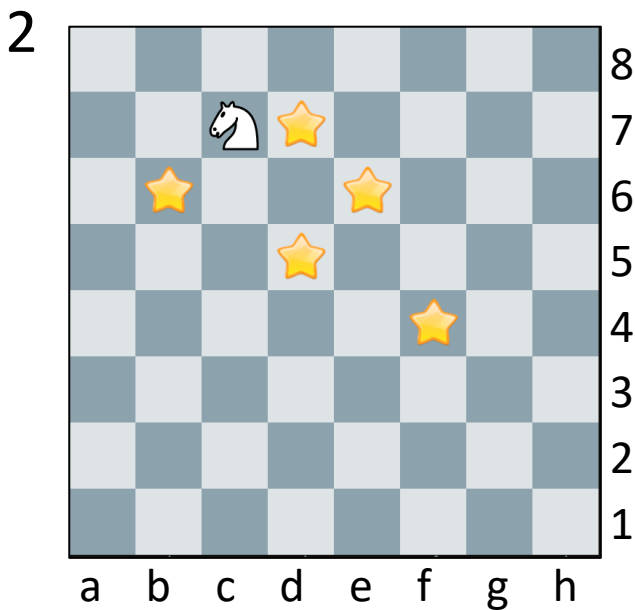
See if you can solve the ‘**hungry knight**’ puzzles below, try and capture all the stars in as few moves as possible. Write down how many moves it takes you.



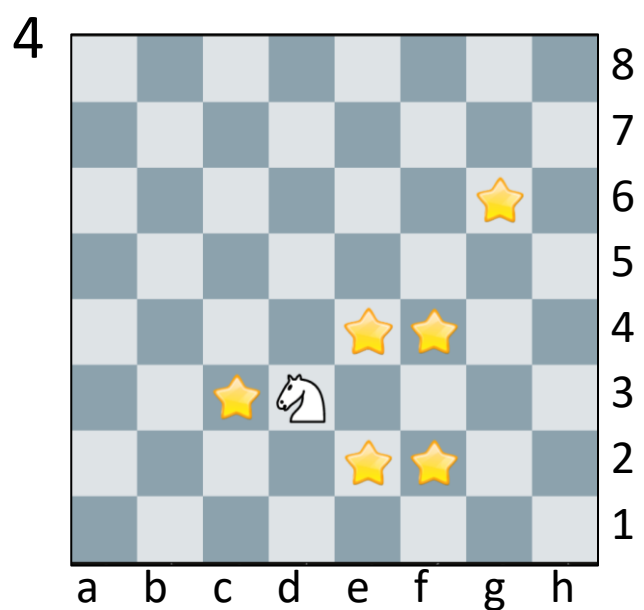
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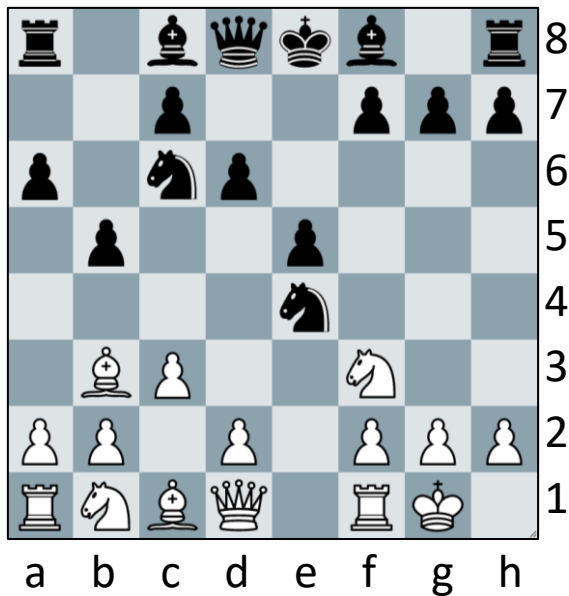
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Mega

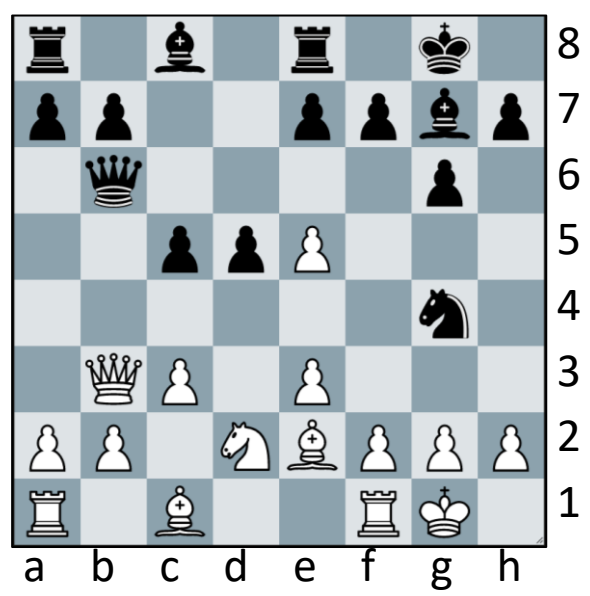
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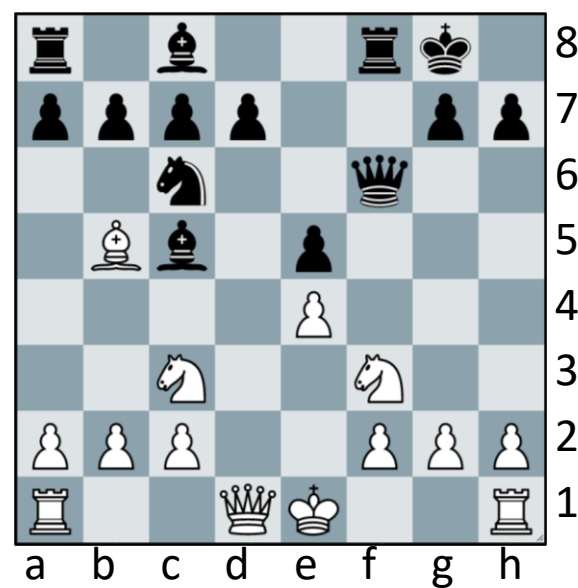
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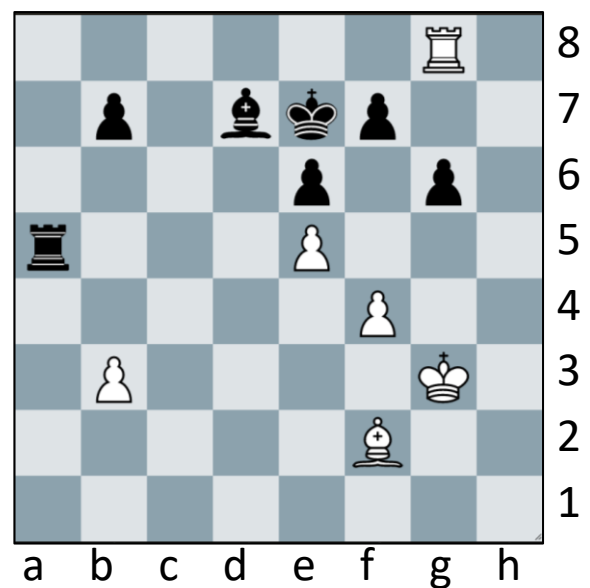
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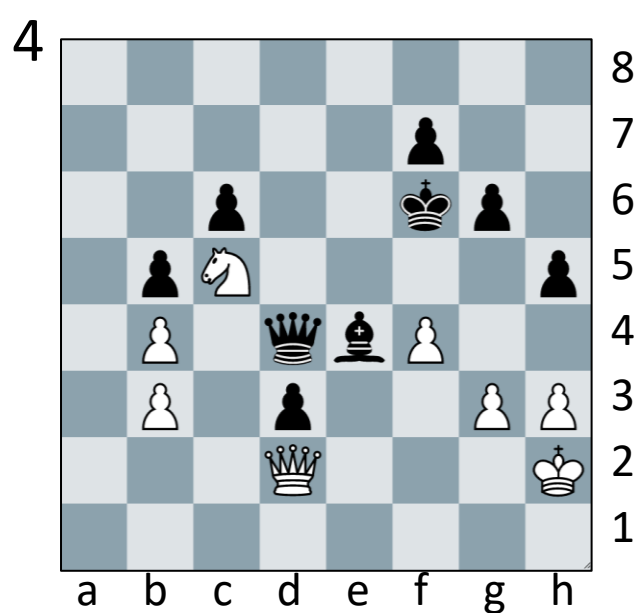
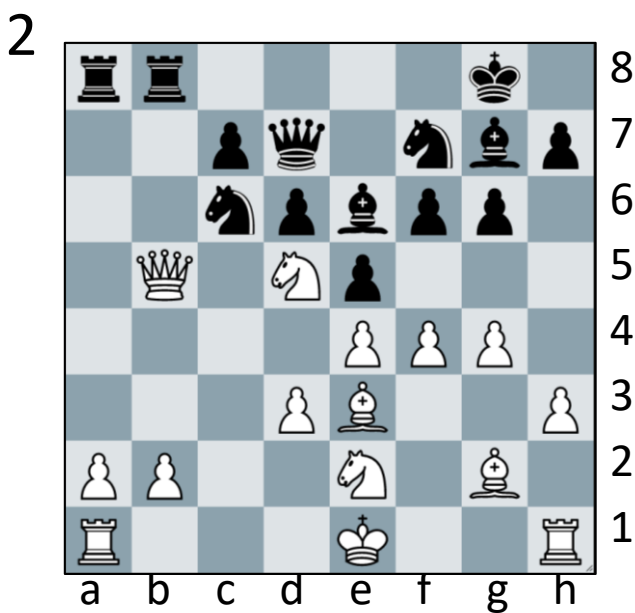
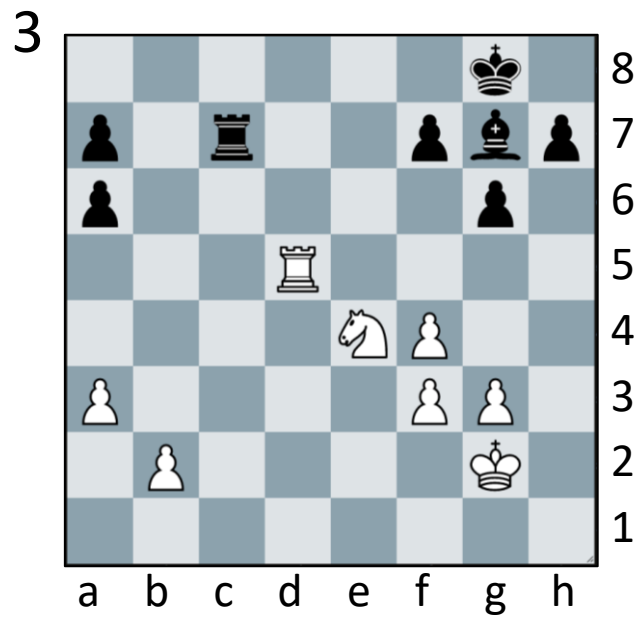
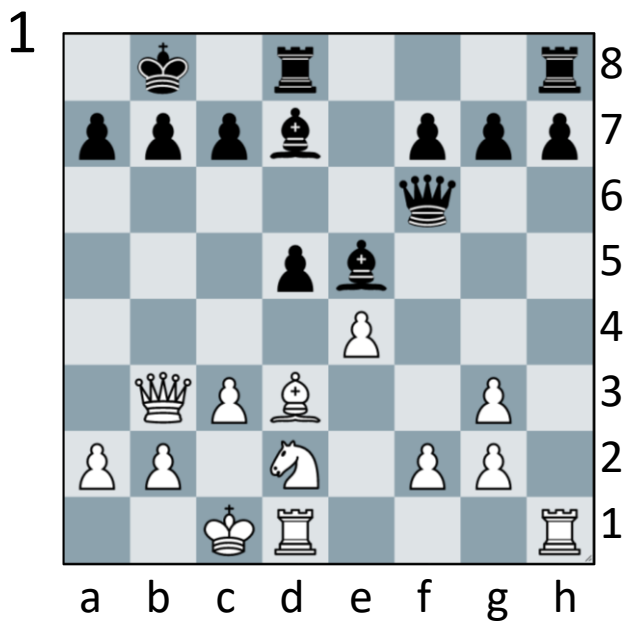
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Giga

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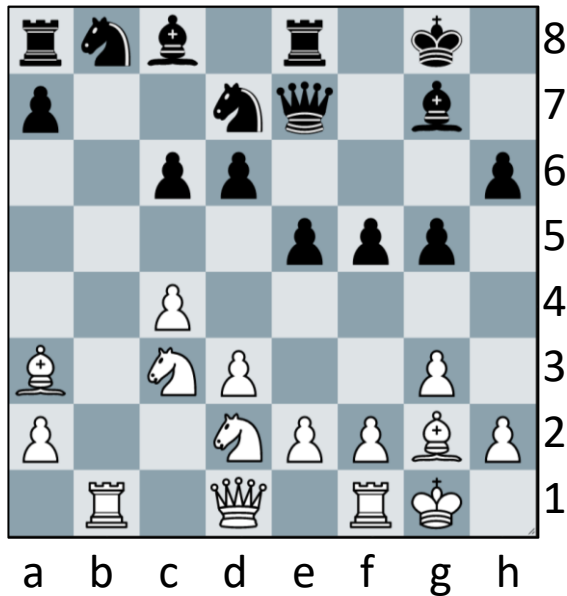


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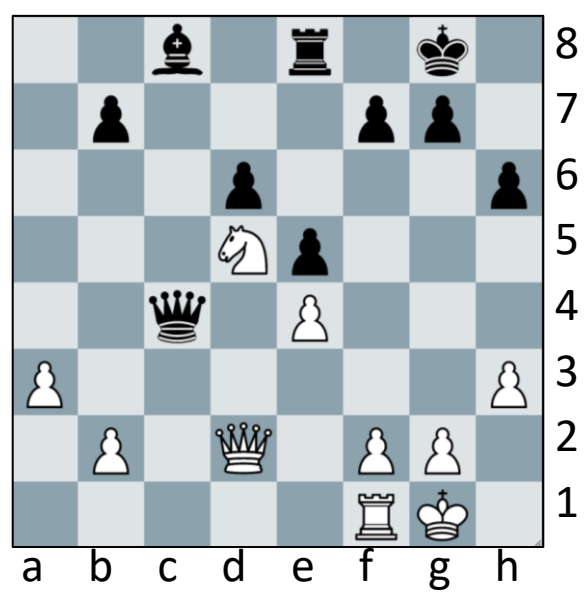
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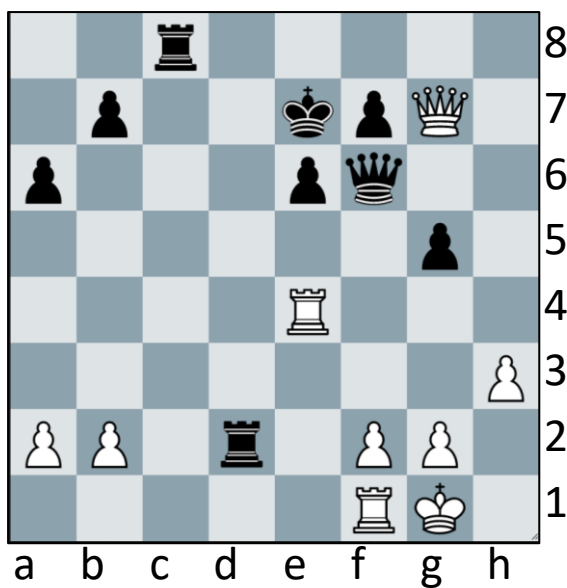
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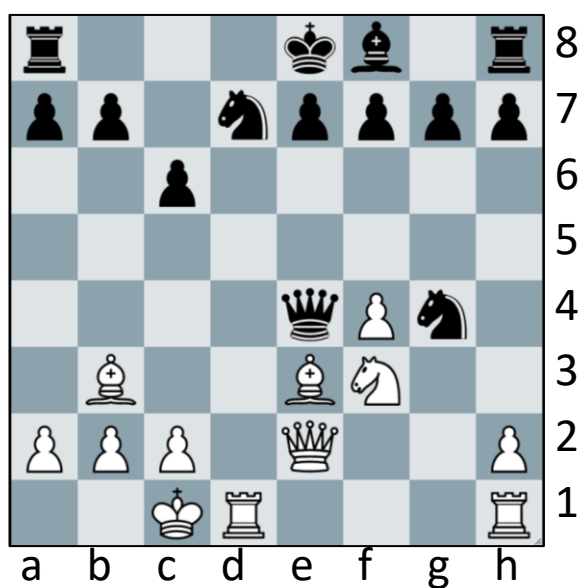
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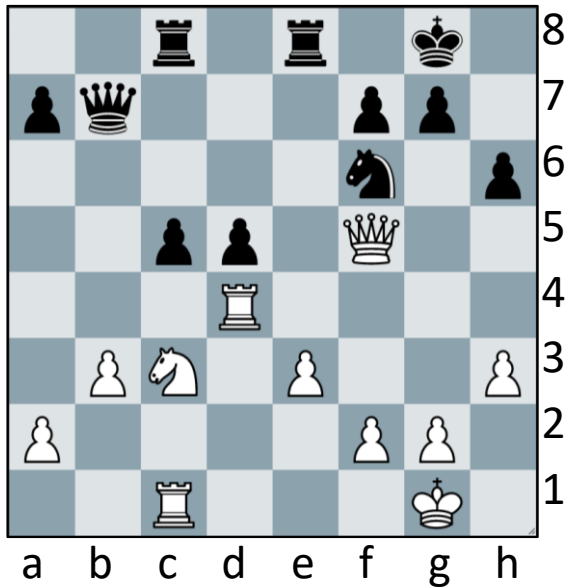


Exa

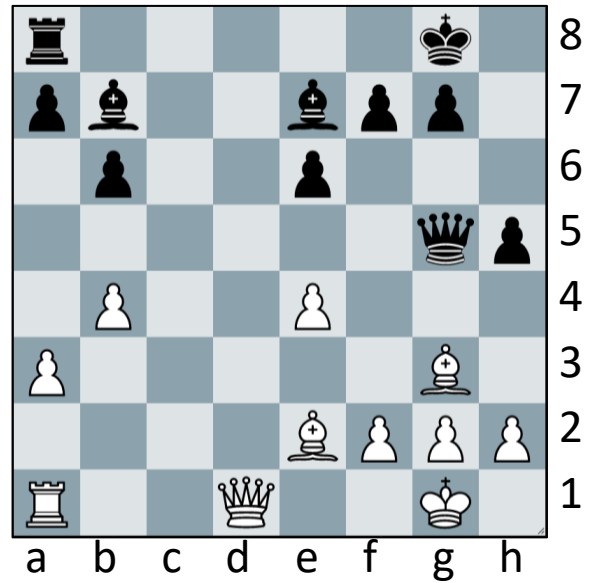
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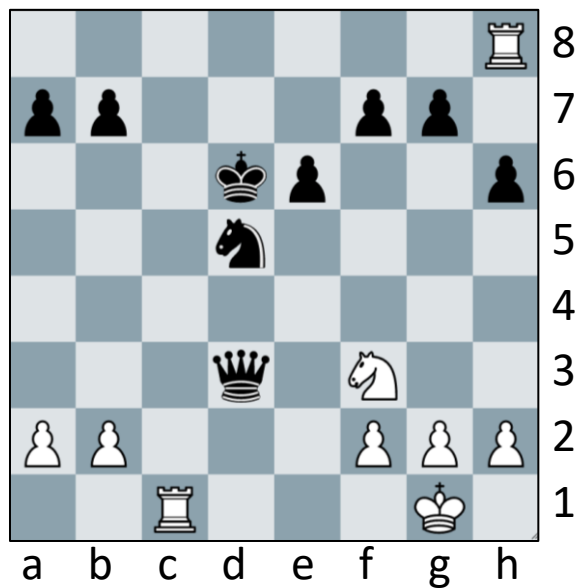
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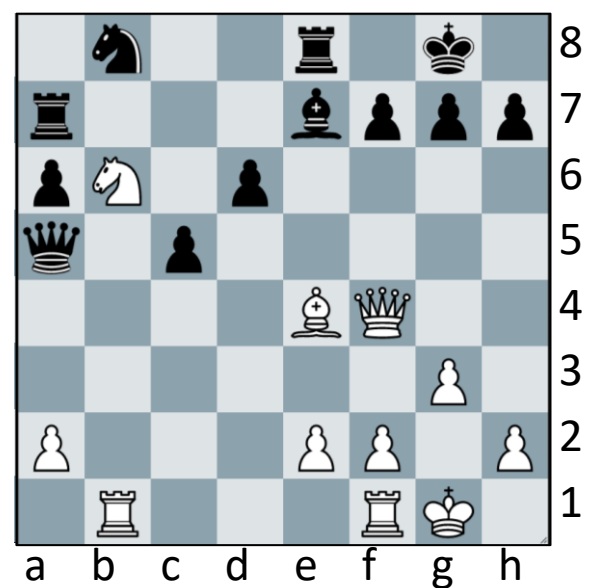
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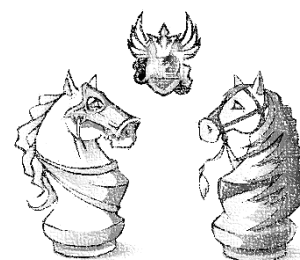


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Fun Puzzles

Over the next couple of pages you will find some more casual puzzles starting out easy and getting much harder!



Word Search - Easy

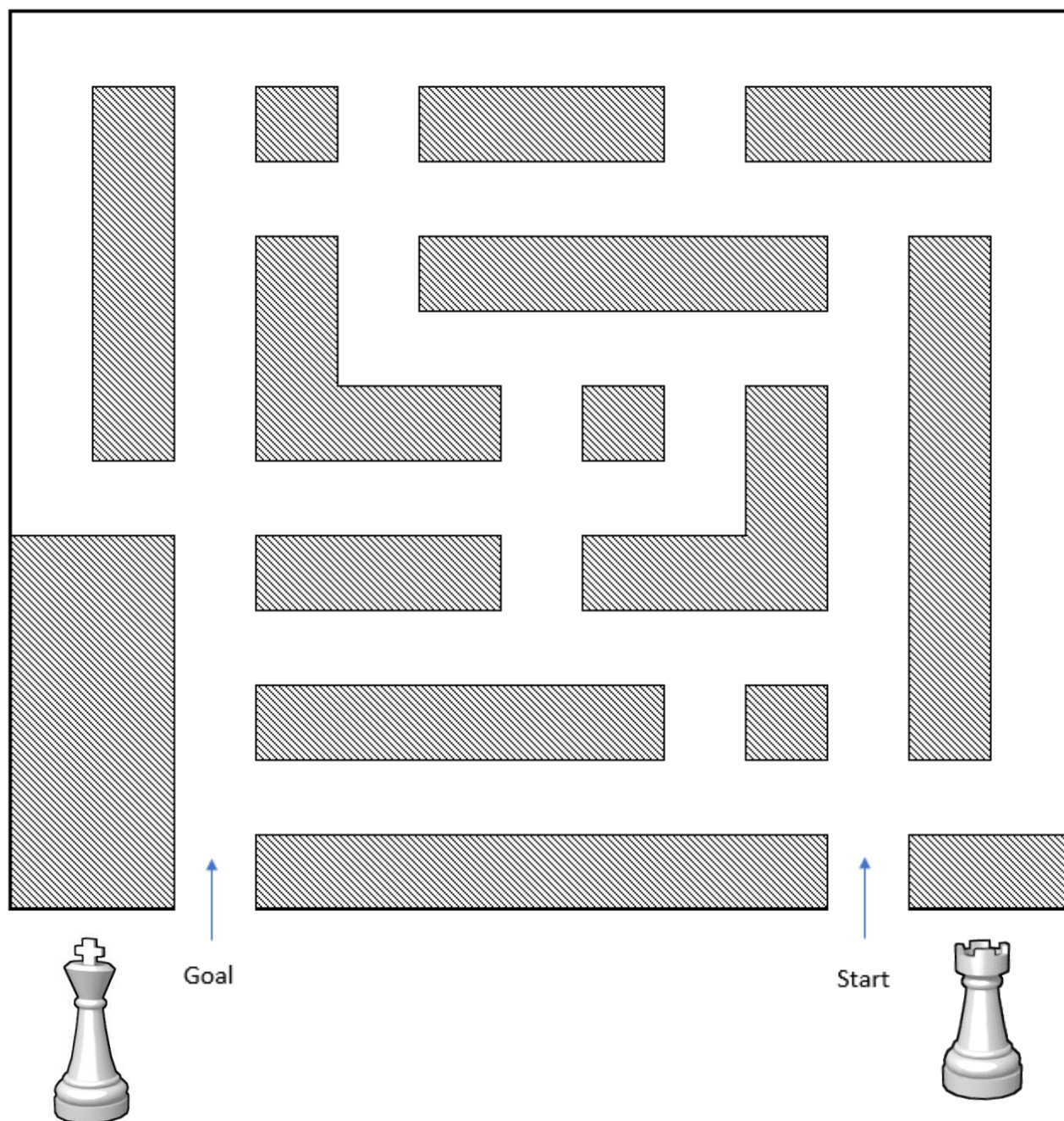
Chess Tactics

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Battery
Desperado
Fork
Pin
Zwischenzug
Decoy
Discovery
Interference
Skewer
Deflection
Doublecheck
Overload
Windmill

The Rook Who Couldn't Turn Left

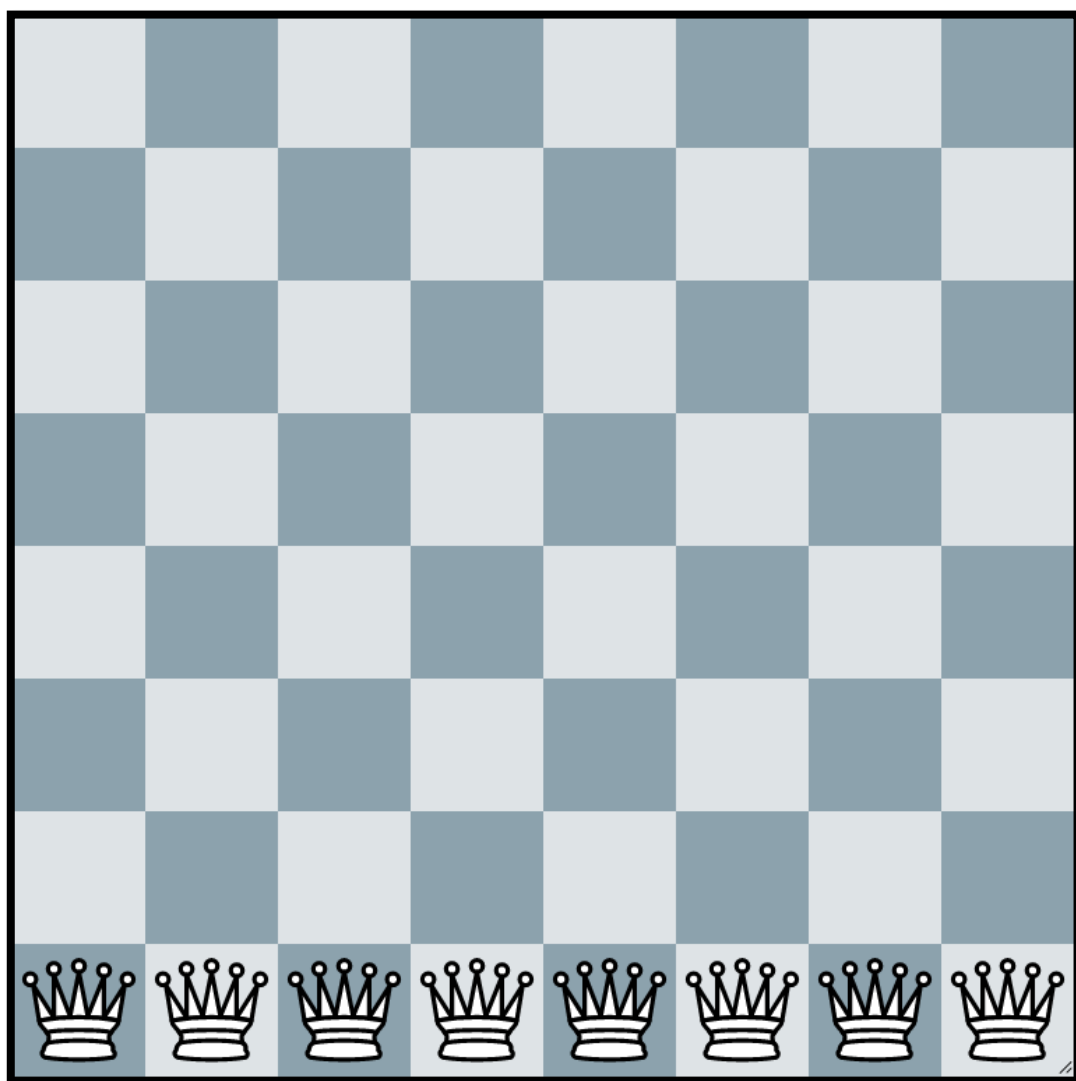
Difficulty: Medium (credit: Robert Abbott, logicmazes.com)



The white Rook was lost and had to find his way back to its boss – the White King. There was a small problem however – the Rook could not turn left! Can you find a way through the maze without ever turning left?

The 8 Queens Problem

Difficulty: Hard



Can you place the 8 white Queens so that no Queen attacks another Queen?

Take a look at...

If you enjoyed solving the tactics puzzles today you might enjoy WFM Sarah, and GM Danny King's Chessable course on tactics!

In the course you can find lots of puzzles as well as engaging videos and most importantly leaderboards!

You can find out more online or using the link below.

<https://www.chessable.com/tournament-ready-tactics/course/33346/>



👍 Learn chess with Sarah and Danny!

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Some of Britain's best players have played in the UKCC - such as the brilliant Grandmaster David Howell. Maybe one-day people will talk about you like that and YOU will have that title?

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