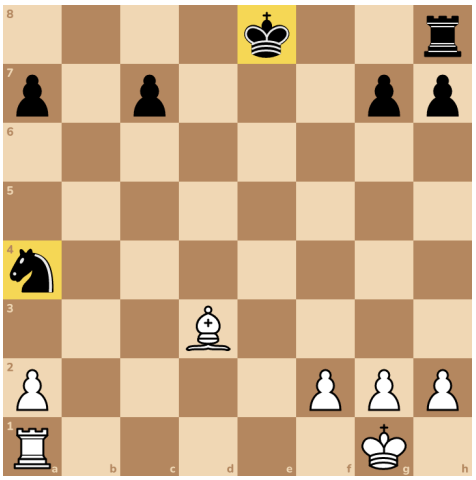
My Chess Family

Bishop and rook forks

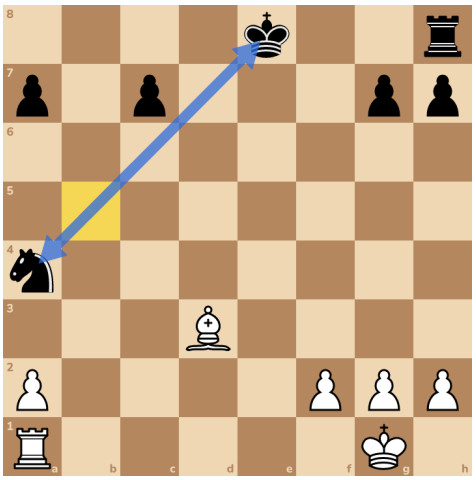
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Bishop and rook forks

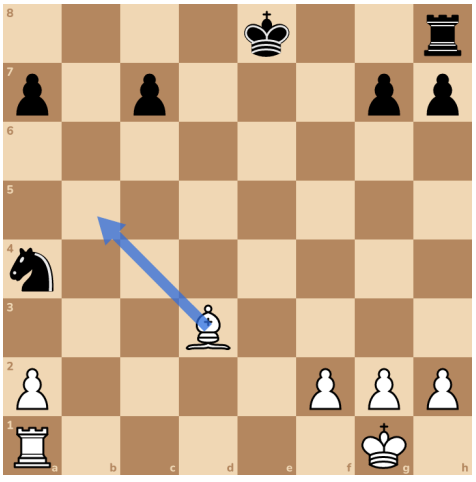
A bishop forks on slanted lines. Often the two pieces sit on one line, and the bishop lands between them.



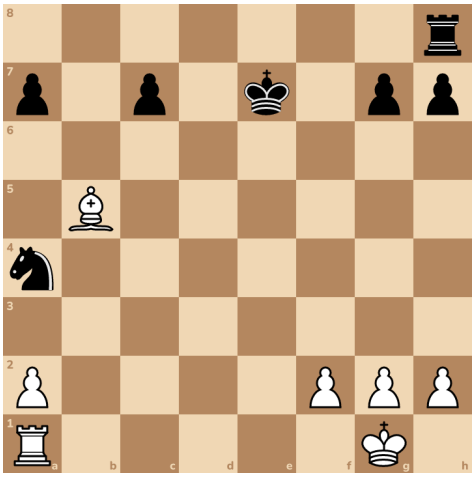
Black's king on e8 and knight on a4 are on one slanted line. The square b5 sits between them.



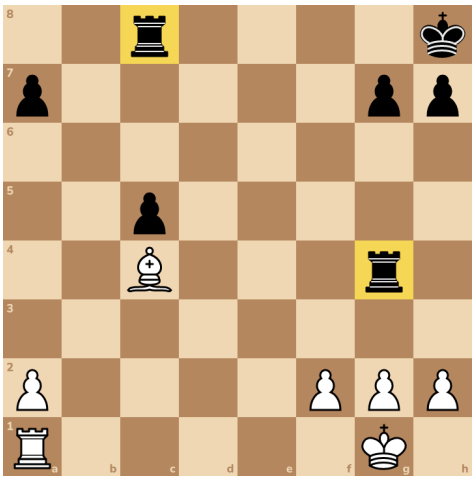
Try it 1. Move your bishop to b5. It checks the king and attacks the knight!



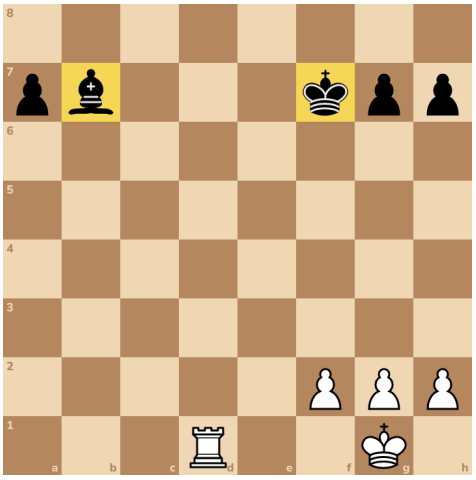
Try it 2. Take the knight!



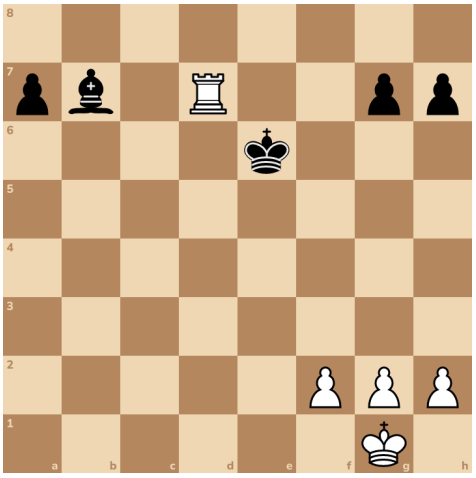
Try it 3. Here's a new position. Black's two rooks are on one slanted line. Fork them with your bishop!



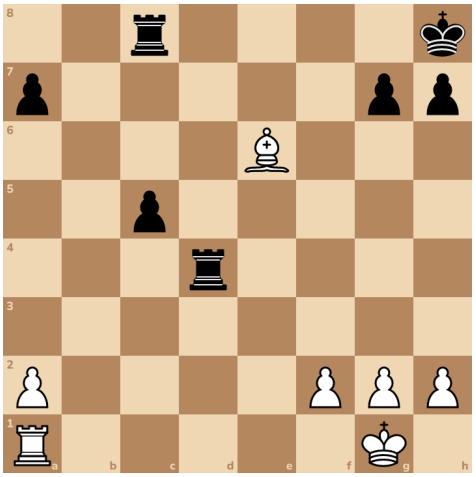
Here's a new position. A rook forks on a straight line. Black's king and bishop are both on the seventh row.



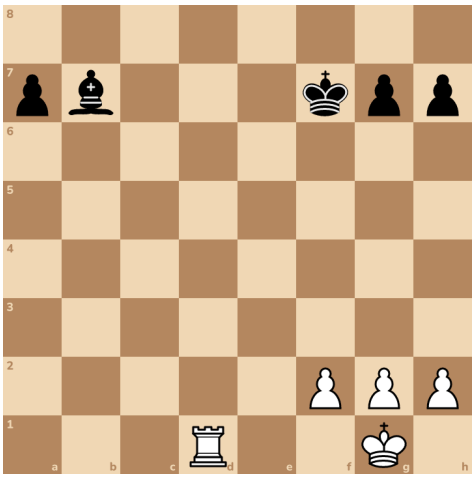
Try it 6. Take the bishop!



Try it 4. The rook on g4 ran away. Take the other one!



Try it 5. Find the rook fork!



Great work! Every piece can fork. Look for one safe square that hits two of their pieces.

Answers

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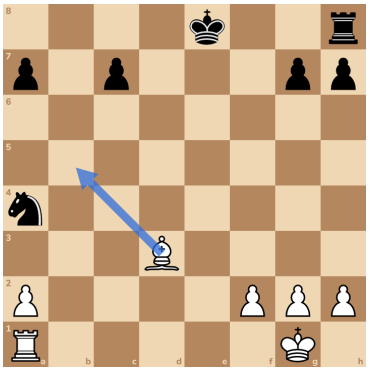
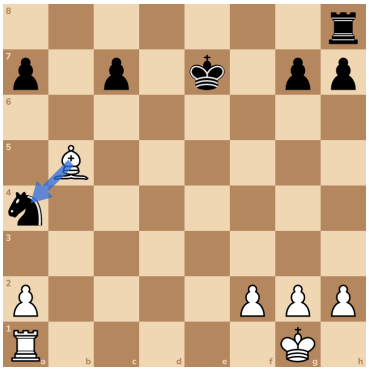
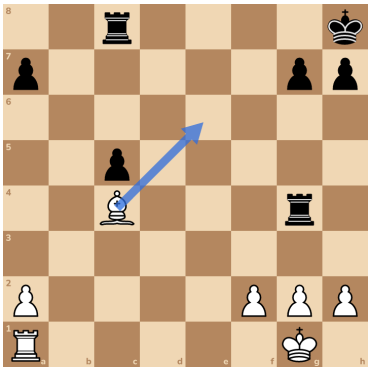


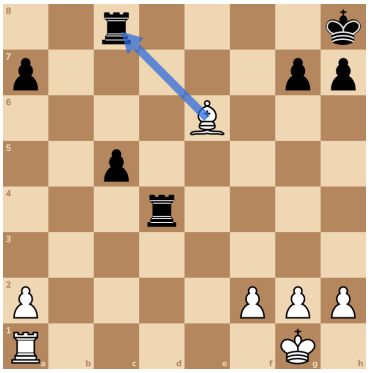
2. Bxa4



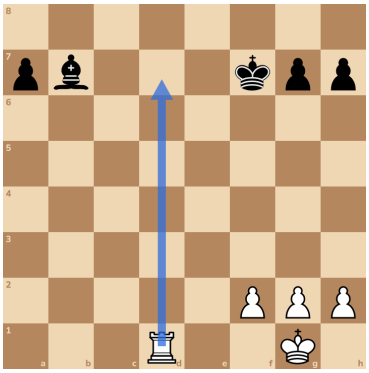
3. Be6



4. Bxc8



5. Rd7+



6. Rxb7

