My Chess Family

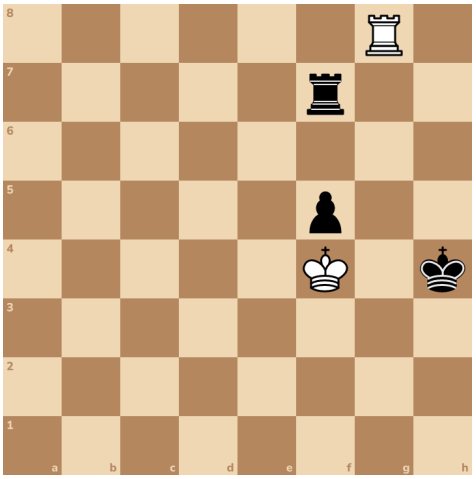
Checkmate in two and three moves

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

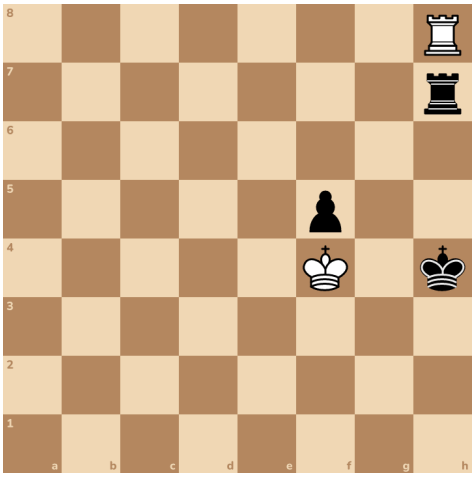
Two moves to checkmate

Some checkmates take two moves. Start with a check, so the other player has only one answer. Then give checkmate!

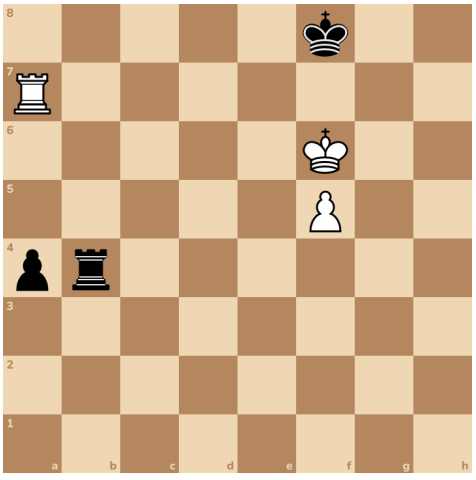
Try it 1. Checkmate in 2. Start with a check!



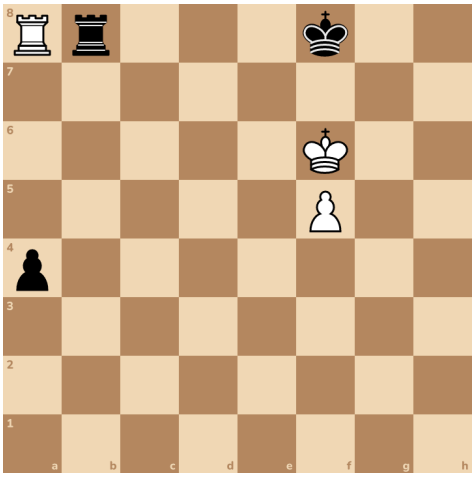
Try it 2. The rook blocked. Now checkmate!



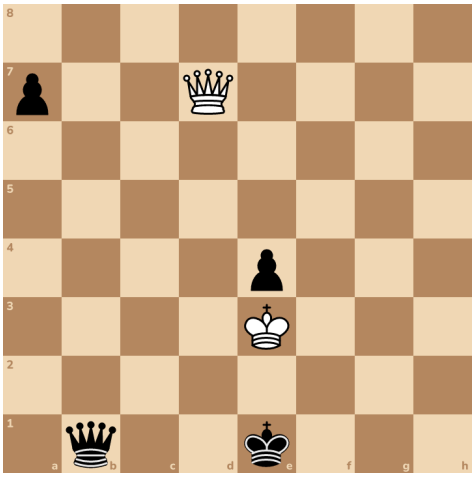
Try it 3. Here's a new position. Checkmate in 2. Start with a check!



Try it 4. Now checkmate!

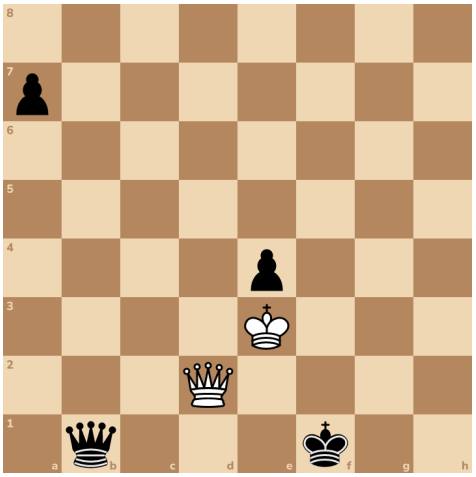


Try it 5. Here's a new position. Checkmate in 2 with the queen. Start with a check!



Great! Look for checks first. They leave the other player fewer choices.

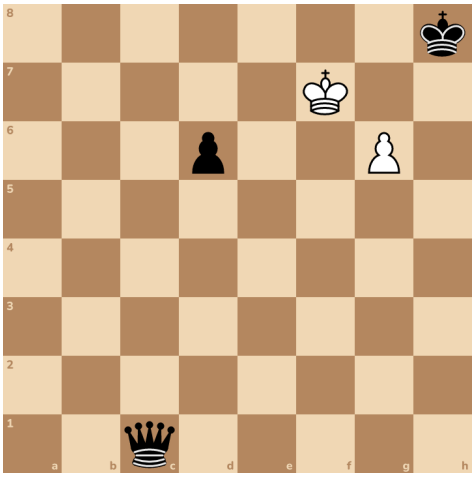
Try it 6. Now checkmate!



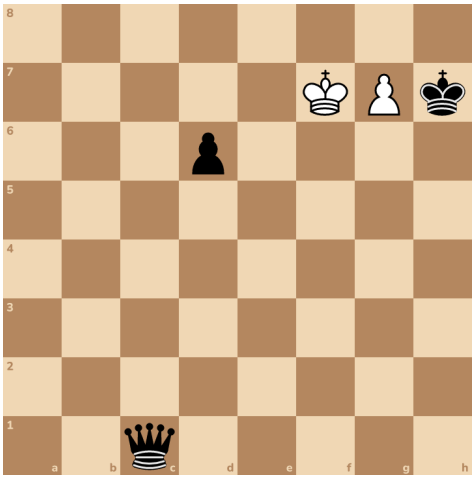
Three moves to checkmate

Checkmate in 3 means three of your moves. Keep giving checks, and the king runs out of squares.

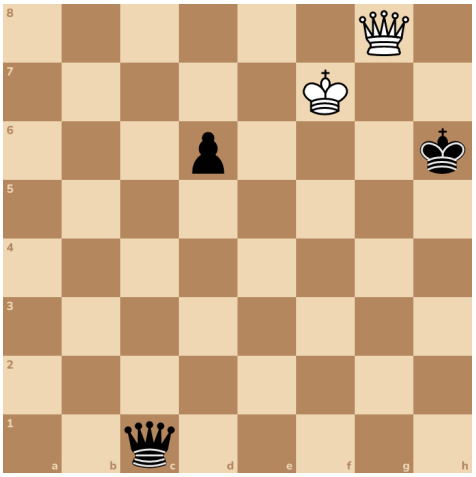
Try it 7. Checkmate in 3. Push your pawn with check!



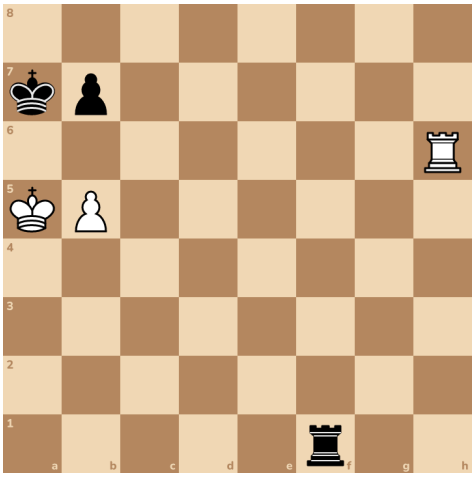
Try it 8. Make a queen, with check!



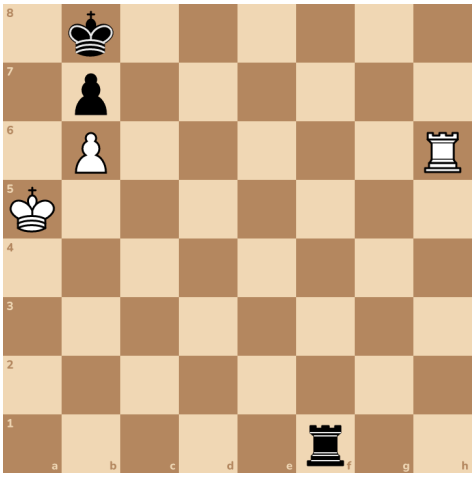
Try it 9. Now checkmate!



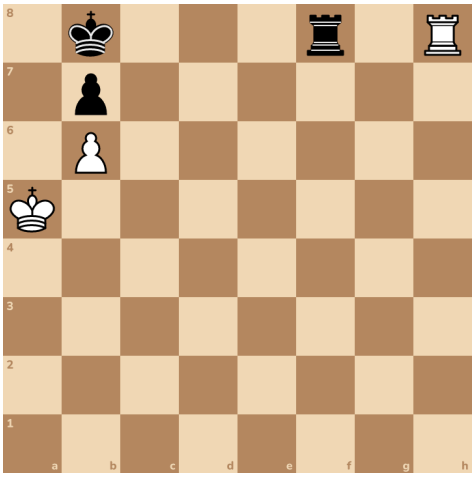
Try it 10. New position. Checkmate in 3. Start with a pawn check!



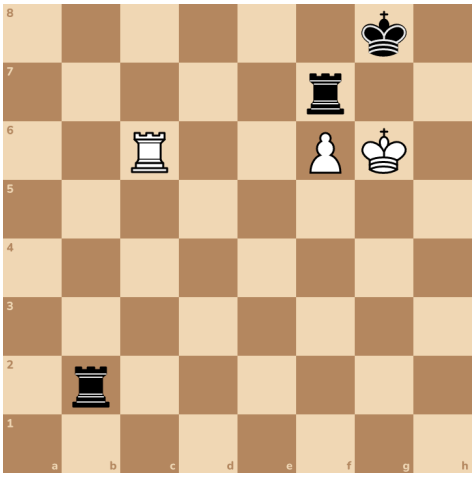
Try it 11. Check on the back row!



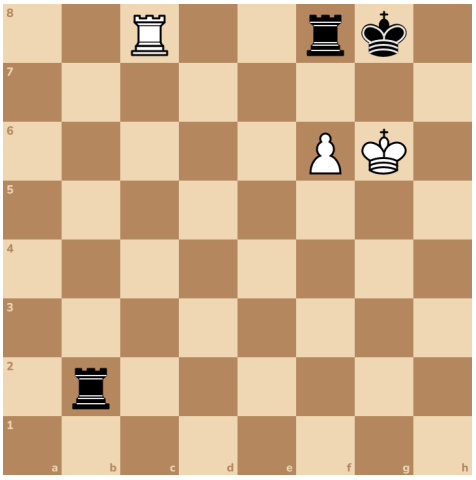
Try it 12. Now checkmate!



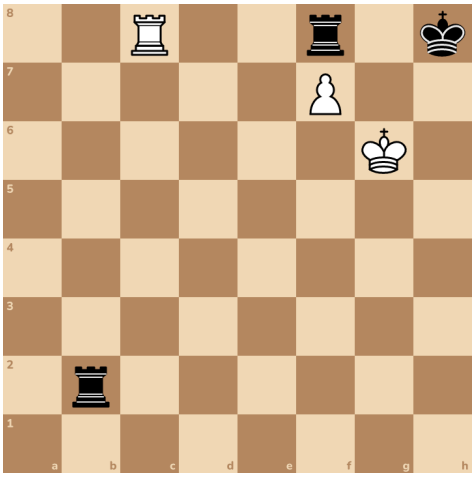
Try it 13. Here's another one. Checkmate in 3. Start with a rook check!



Try it 14. Push your pawn with check!



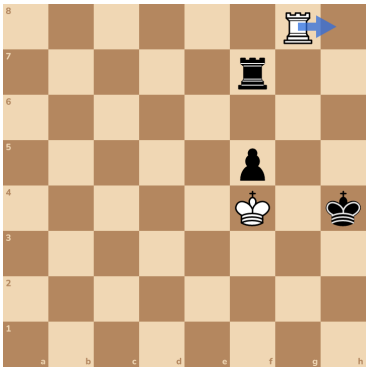
Try it 15. Now checkmate!



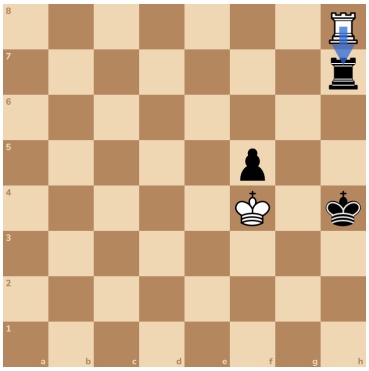
You did it! Long checkmates are just short ones joined together.

Answers

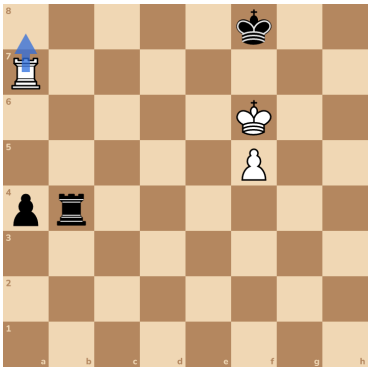
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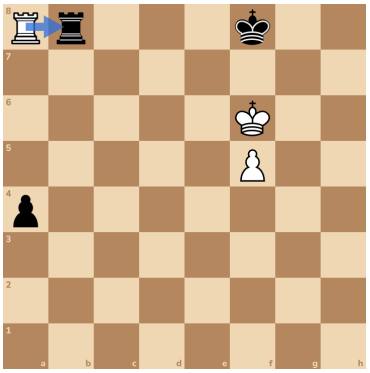
2. Rxh7#



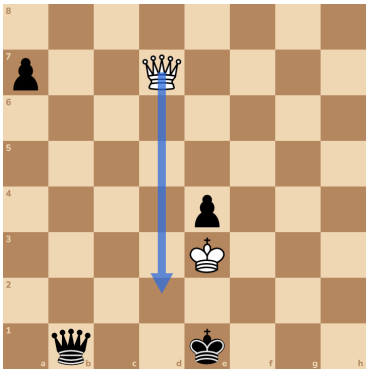
3. Ra8+



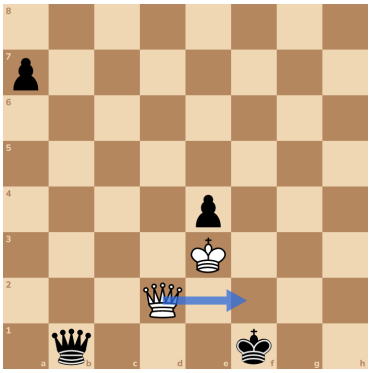
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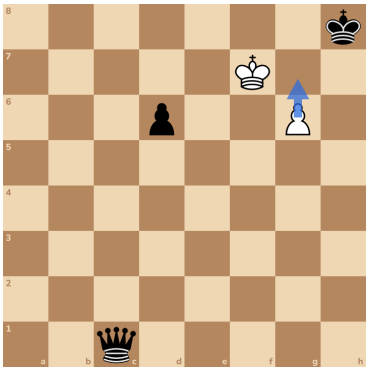
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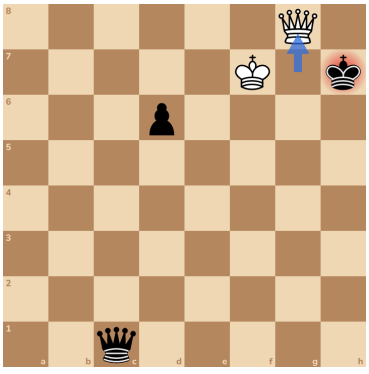
6. Qf2#



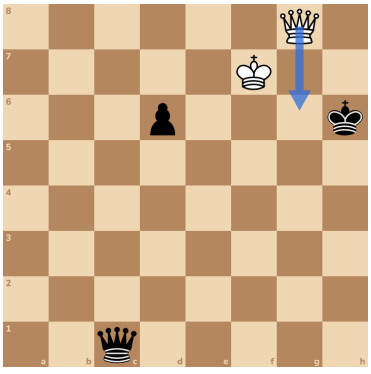
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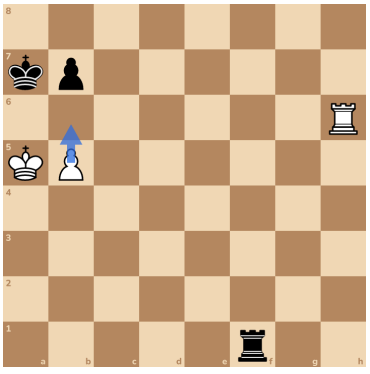
8. g8=Q+



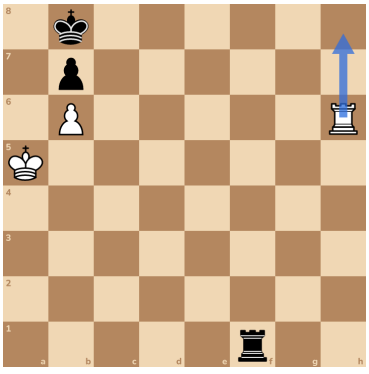
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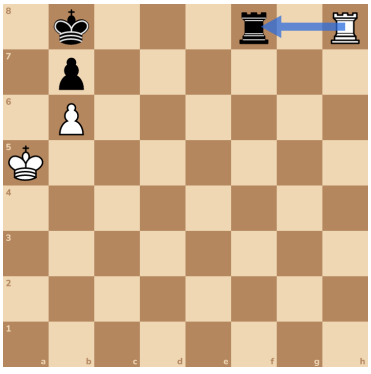
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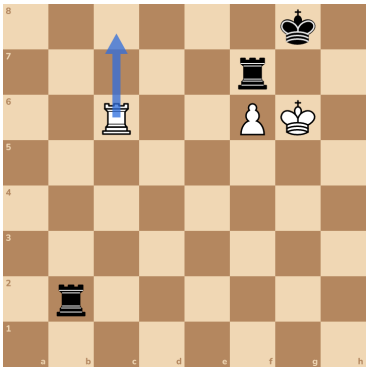
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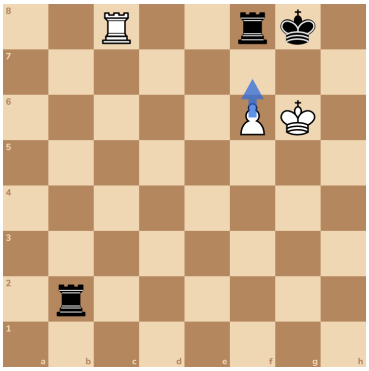
12. Rxf8#



13. Rc8+



14. f7+



15. Rxf8#

