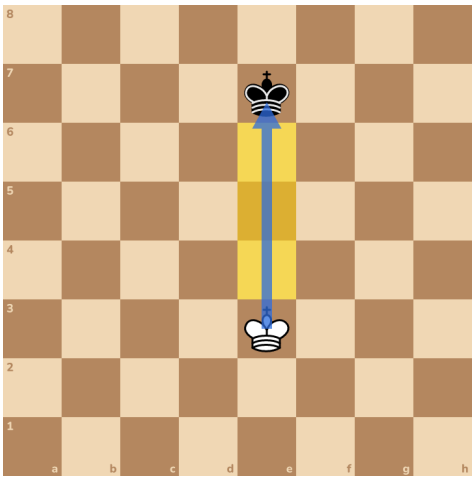
My Chess Family

The opposition from far away

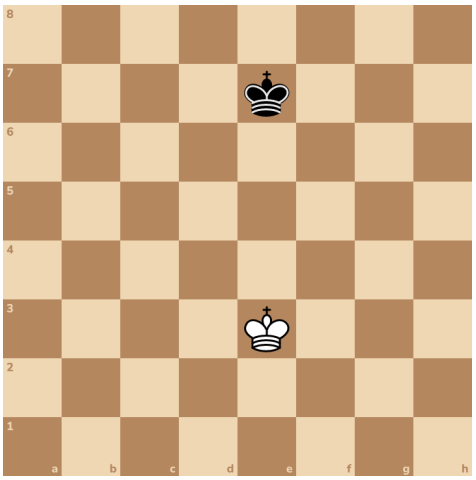
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Opposition from far away

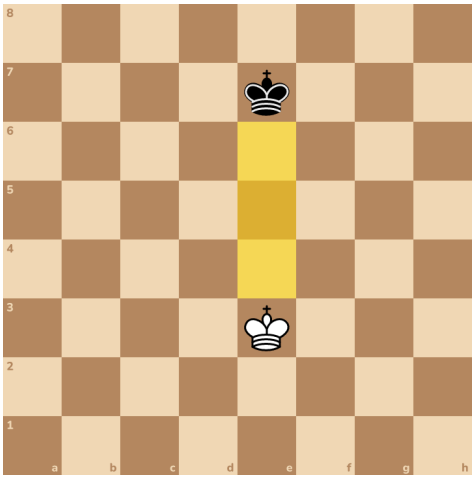
The opposition works from far away too. Here the kings face each other with three squares between.



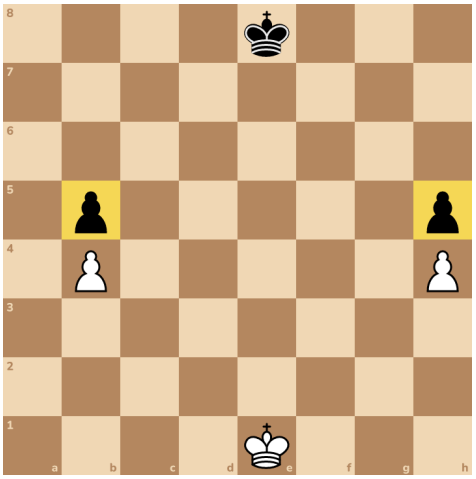
If it's his move, you have the opposition. Each time he steps, you step and face him again. Soon he has to give way.



The rule. One, three or five squares between the kings, and his move? Then you have the opposition.

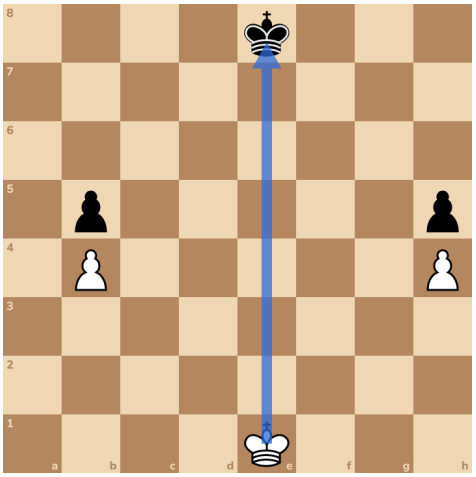


Here's a new position, from Capablanca. Your king wants to get past his king and win a black pawn.

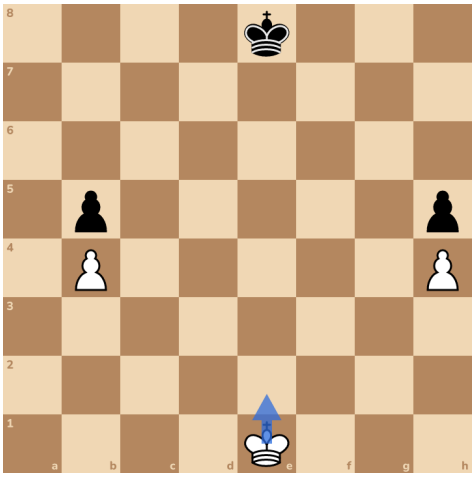


Try it 1. How many squares are between the kings?

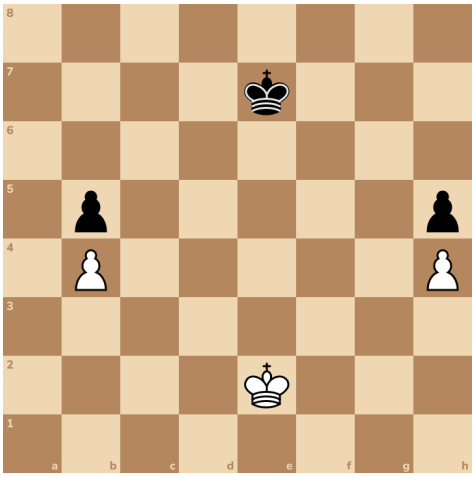
A: 5 **B: 6** **C: 7**



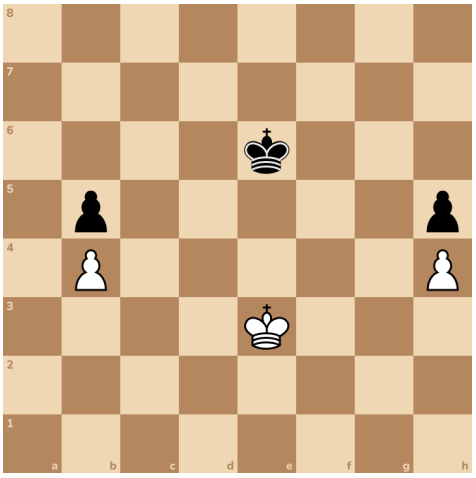
Try it 2. Take the opposition from far away.



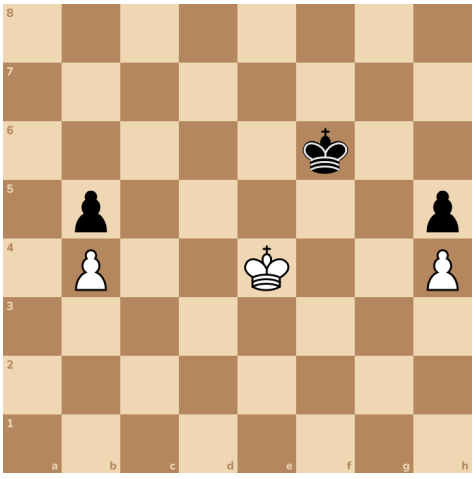
Try it 3. He stepped closer too. Face him again, with three squares between.



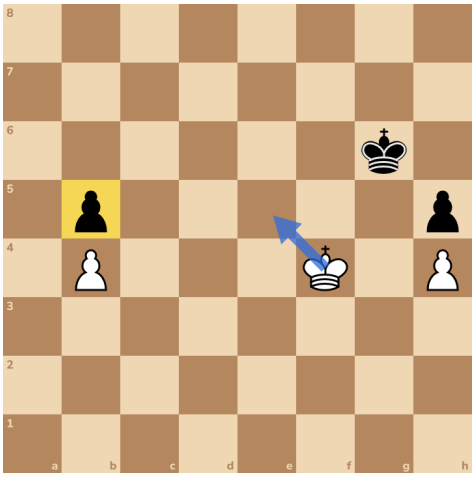
Try it 4. Your turn.



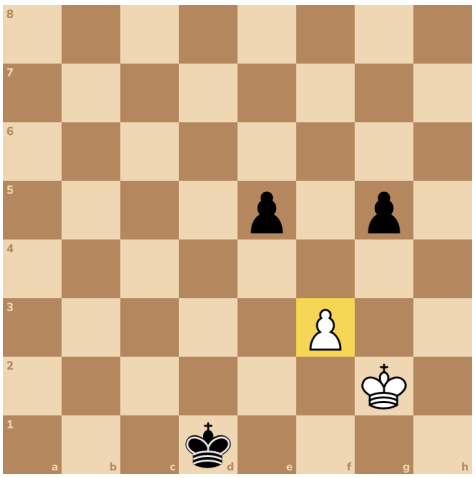
Try it 5. He gave way and stepped to the side. Face him again.



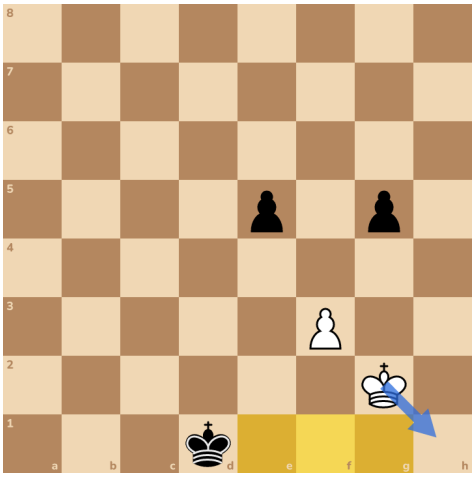
He has to give way again. Next, your king can walk past him and go for the pawn on b5.



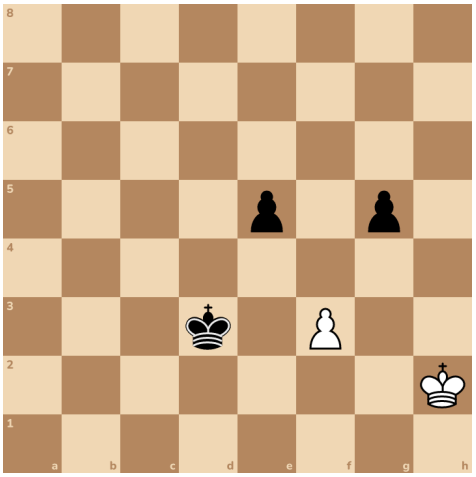
Here's a new position. Now it's your turn to stop him. His king wants to come round and win your pawn on f3.



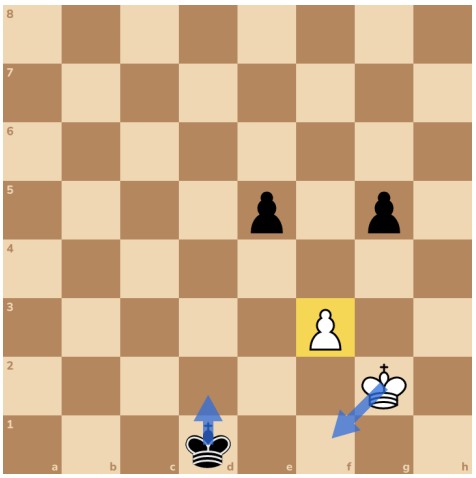
Try it 6. So face him from far away, along the row, with three squares between.



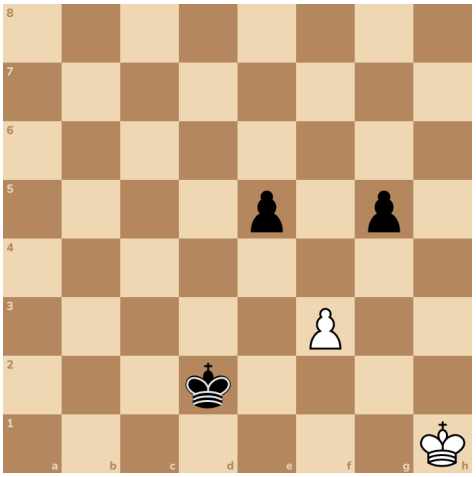
Try it 8. Your turn.



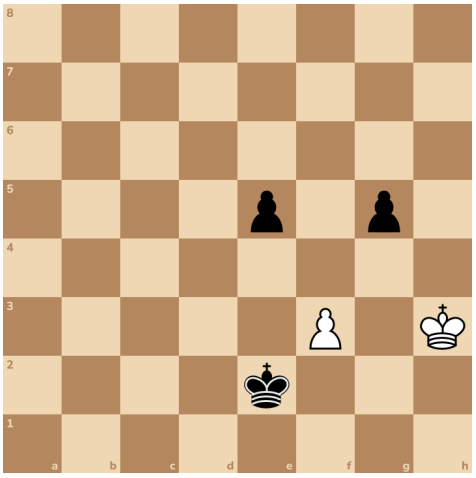
Kf1 faces him close up. But after Kd2 Kf2 Kd3, your king would need f3 to face him, and your own pawn is there.



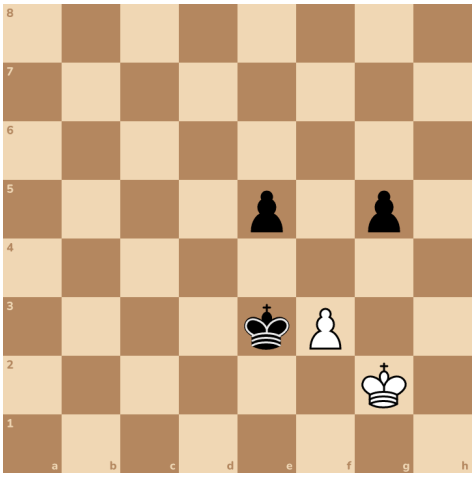
Try it 7. He stepped up. Step up too, and face him again.



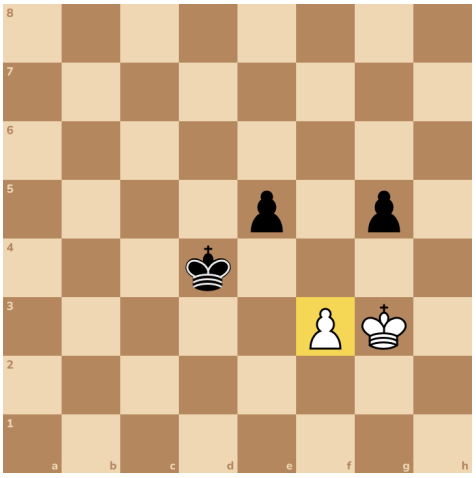
Try it 9. He came one square closer. Face him, with one square between.



Try it 10. Your turn.



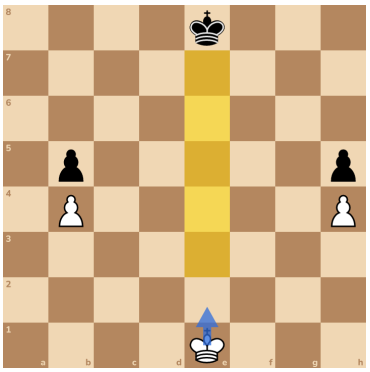
He can't get past your king to the pawn. It's a draw. The far opposition saved the game!



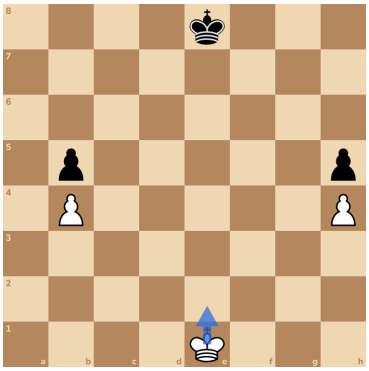
Answers

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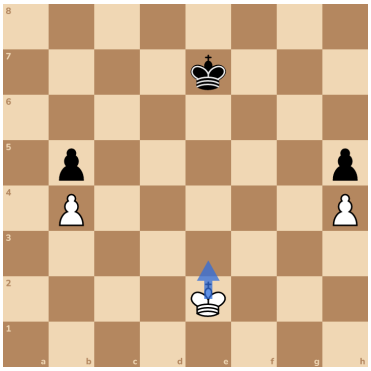
Six. That isn't one, three or five! So step one square closer. Then there are five, and it's his move.



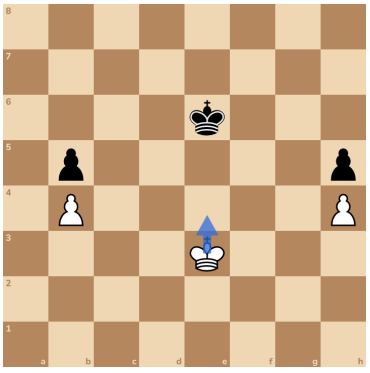
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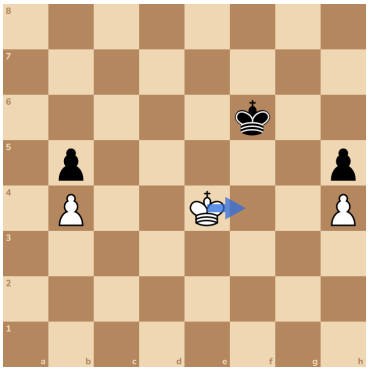
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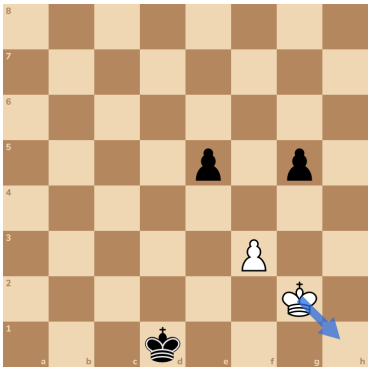
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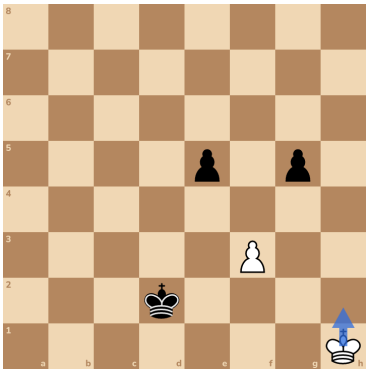
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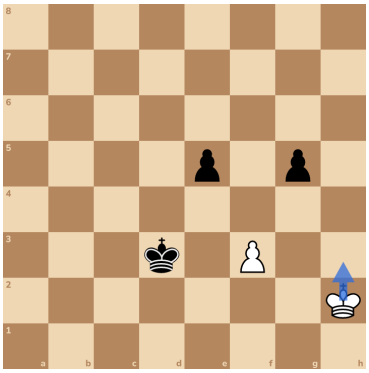
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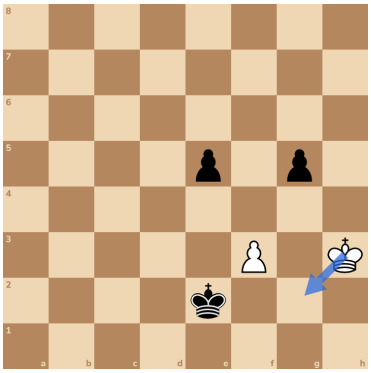
7. Kh2



8. Kh3



9. Kg2



10. Kg3

