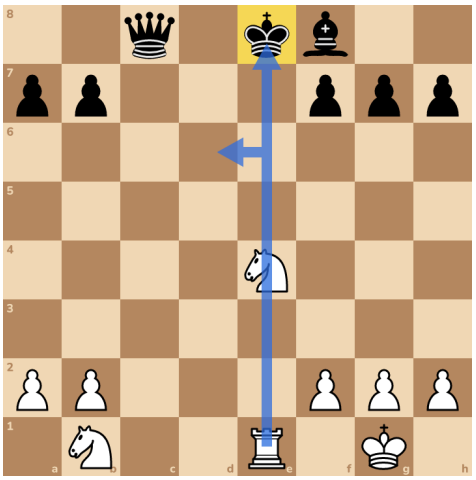
My Chess Family

What is a double check?

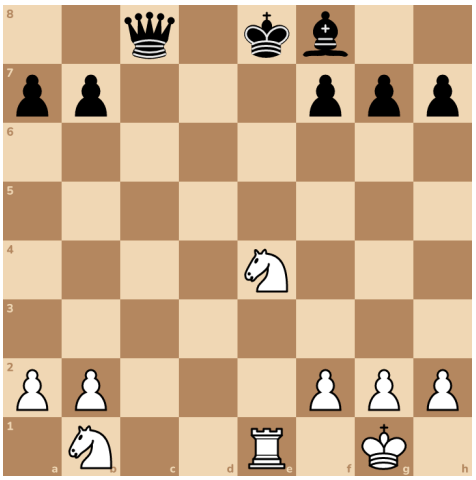
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Double check

Here's a new position. If your knight jumps to d6, the knight and the rook both check the king.



That's called a double check. Black can't block two checks, or take two pieces at once. The king must move.



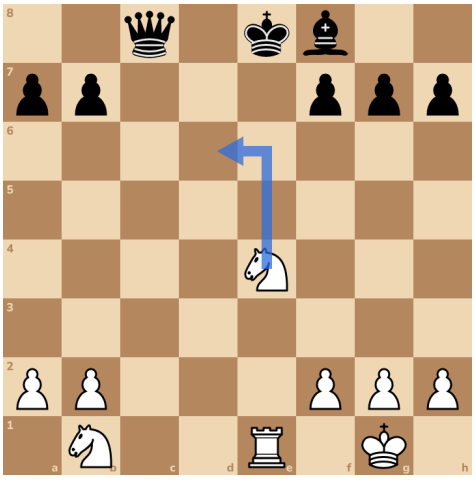
Try it 1. In a double check, what must the other player do?

A: Block the check

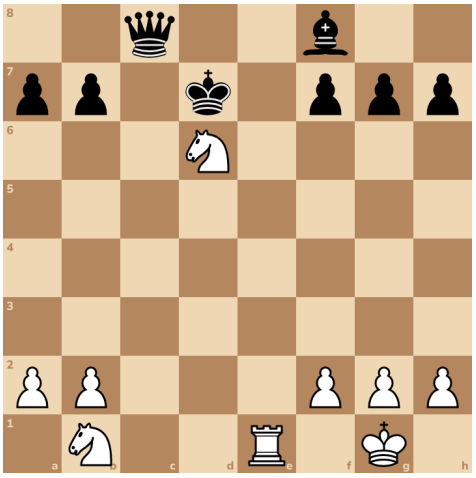
B: Take with another piece

C: Move the king

Try it 2. Jump your knight to d6. Double check, and it attacks the queen too!

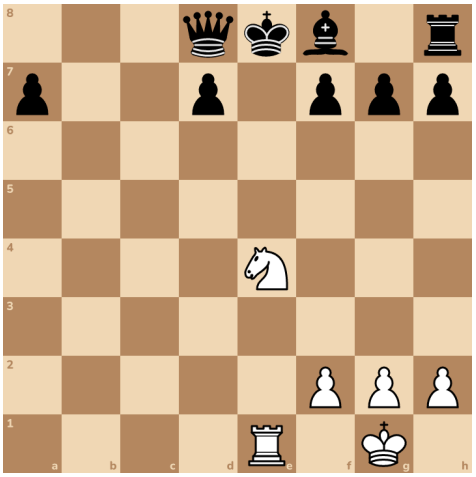


Try it 3. The king had to move. Take the queen!

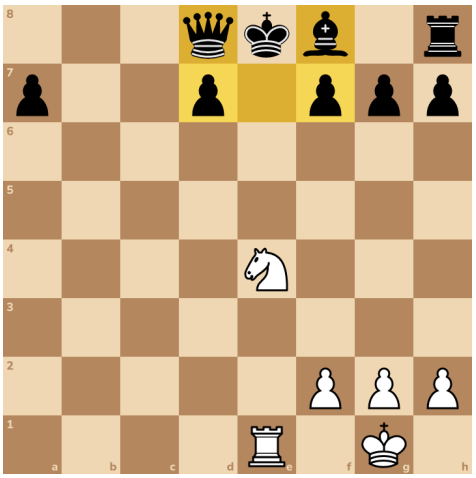


So a double check here is checkmate. The king has no square to go to.

Try it 4. Find the double check that is checkmate!



Here's a new position. Black's own pieces box in his king. When your knight moves away, your rook will guard e7.

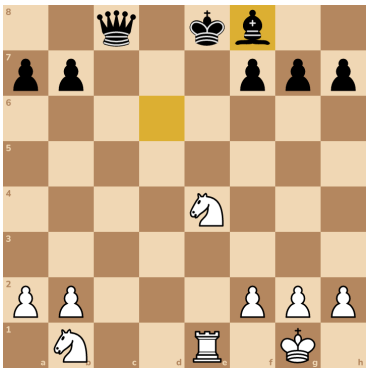


Super! In a double check, only the king can move. If he has no square, it's checkmate.

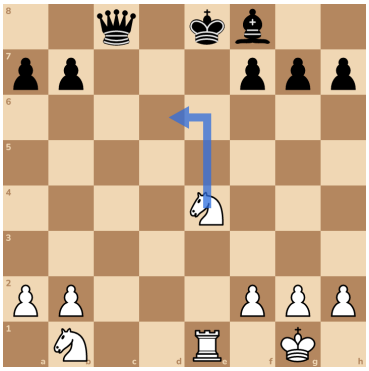
Answers

1. C: Move the king

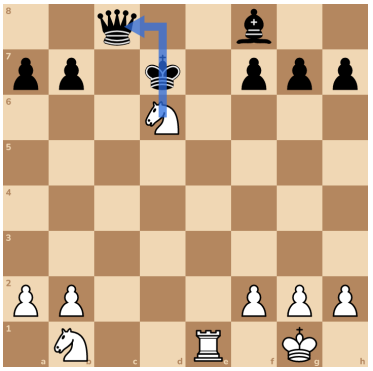
Black's bishop could normally take a knight on d6. In a double check, it isn't allowed to.



2. Nd6+



3. Nxc8



4. Nd6# or Nf6#

