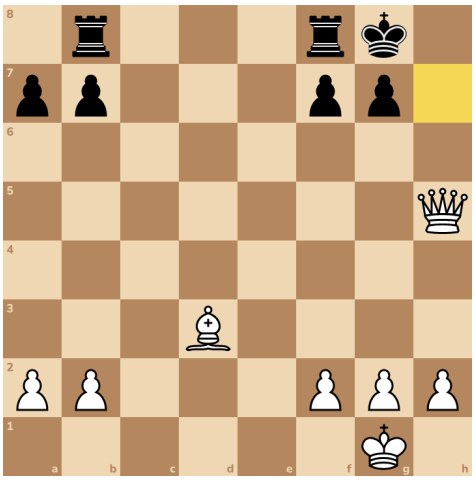
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The guarded queen checkmate

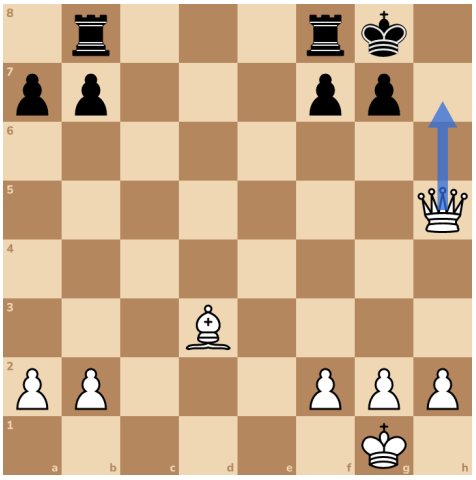
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

The guarded queen mate

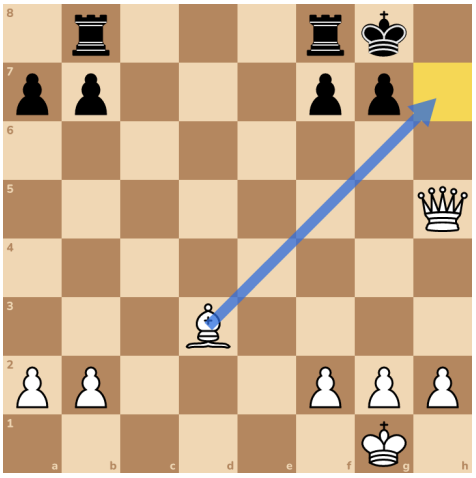
Here's a new position. A queen right next to the king is a strong check. But the king can take her, unless she has a guard.



Try it 1. Move your queen to h7. Checkmate!

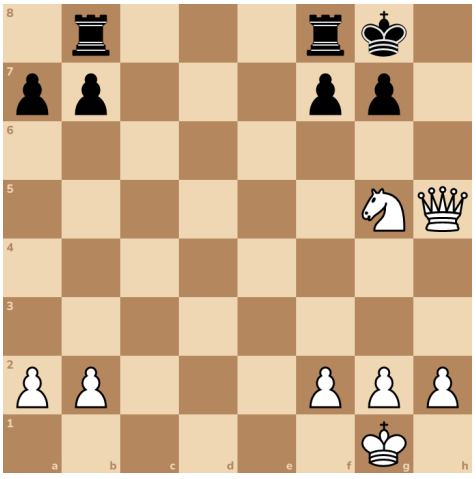


Your bishop on d3 aims at h7. It would guard your queen there.



The king can't take her, because your bishop guards her. And every square next to him is blocked or attacked.

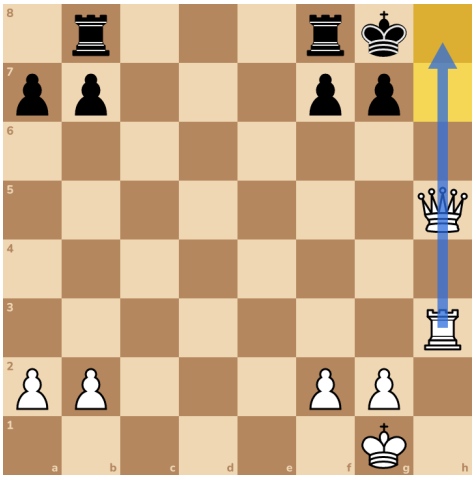
Try it 2. Here's a new position. Find the checkmate! This time a knight guards the queen.



Here's a new position. Careful! Qxh7 is a check, but nothing guards h7. The king just takes your queen.

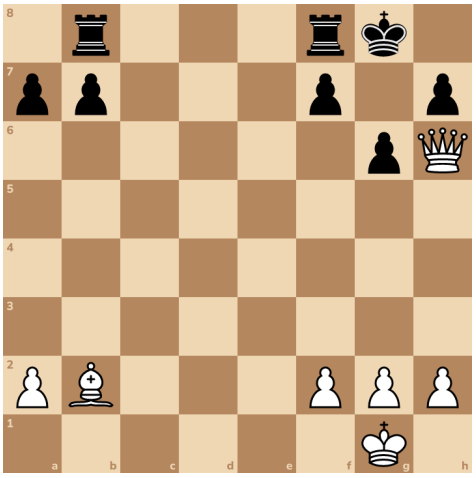


Here's a new position. A guard can stand behind the queen too. Once your queen moves up, your rook on h3 guards her.

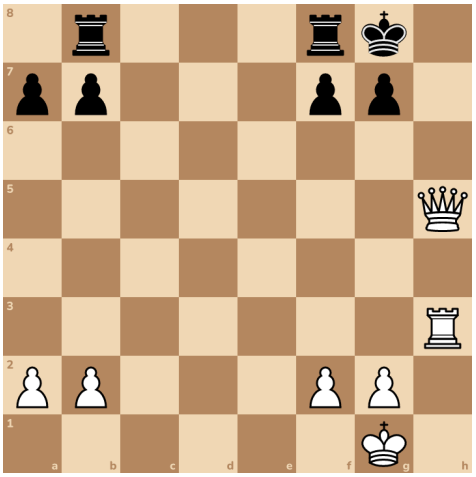


Brilliant! Put the queen next to the king, with a guard. That's a checkmate you'll use again and again.

Try it 3. Find the square where your queen is guarded. Checkmate!

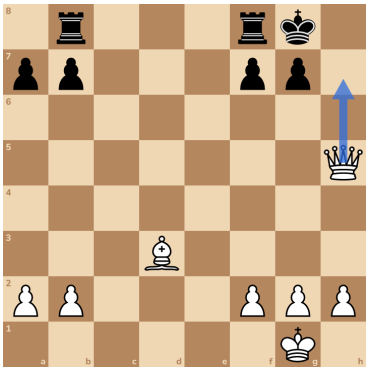


Try it 4. Checkmate with your queen!

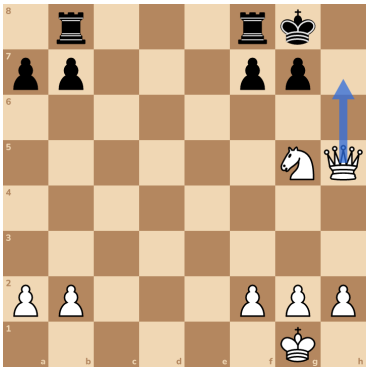


Answers

1. Qh7#



2. Qh7#



3. Qg7#



4. Qh7# or Qh8#

