My Chess Family

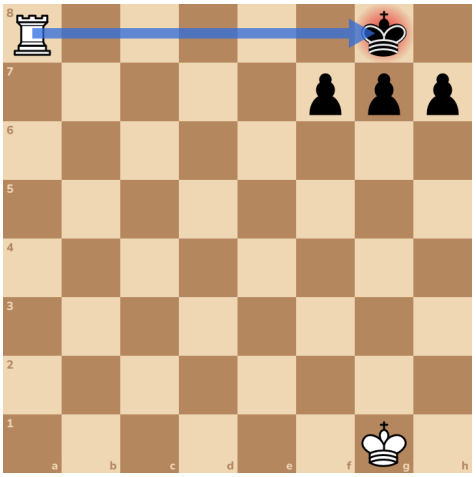
How a chess game ends, and good manners

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

How a game ends

A game of chess can end in a few ways.

Checkmate. The player who gives checkmate wins the game.



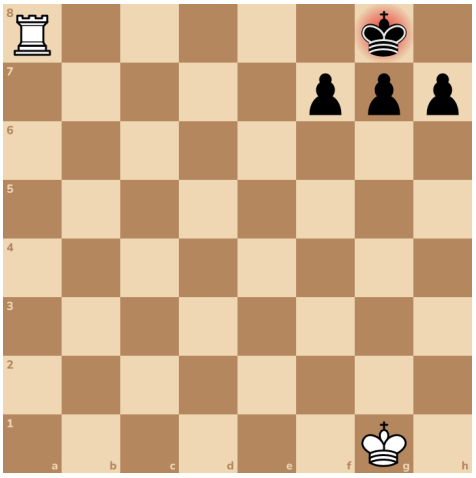
Out of time. When you play with a clock, if your time runs out, you lose.

A draw. Stalemate, just two kings, or both players agree. Nobody wins.

Try it 1. The black king is checkmated. Who wins?

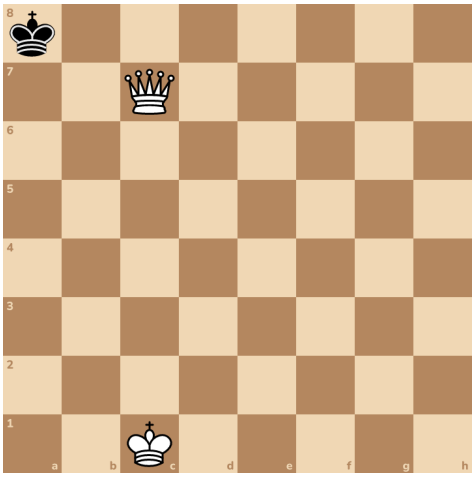
A: White **B: Black** **C: Nobody**

Resign. A player who knows they will lose can give up. Then the other player wins.



Try it 2. New position. The black king is in stalemate. Who wins?

A: White **B: Black** **C: Nobody**



Good manners

Chess players are kind to each other. Here's how.

Before the game, shake hands and say "good luck".

Play quietly, so the other player can think.

On a real board, if you touch one of your pieces, you must move it. So think first, then touch!

At the end, shake hands and say "good game". Whether you win or lose!

Try it 3. What do you say at the end of a game?

A: Good game! **B: You were lucky!**

C: Nothing

Try it 4. On a real board, you touch one of your pieces. What must you do?

A: Move it **B: Put it back**

Answers

1. A: White

2. C: Nobody

Win, lose or draw, every game helps you learn!

3. A: Good game!

4. A: Move it

Well done! Good players are good sports.