

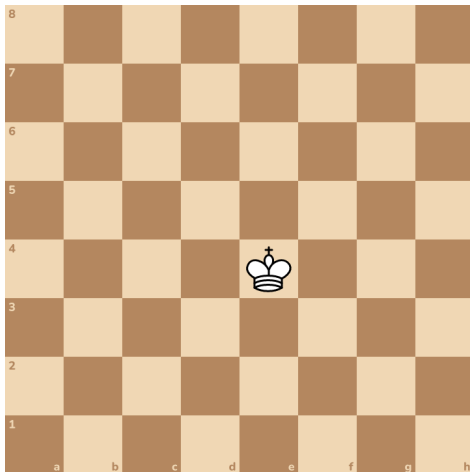


How the king moves in chess

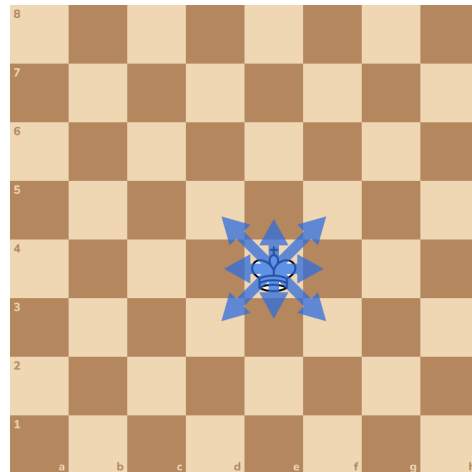
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

One step at a time

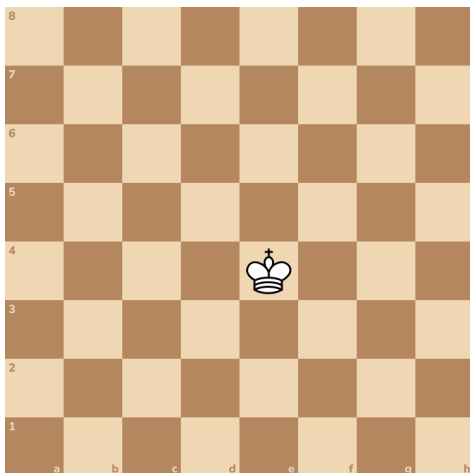
This is the king. He is the most important piece of all.



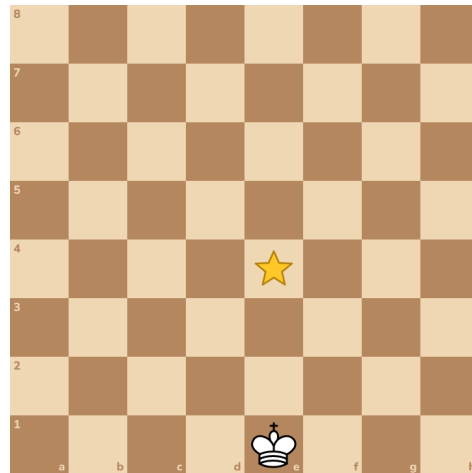
The king moves just one step, any way he likes.



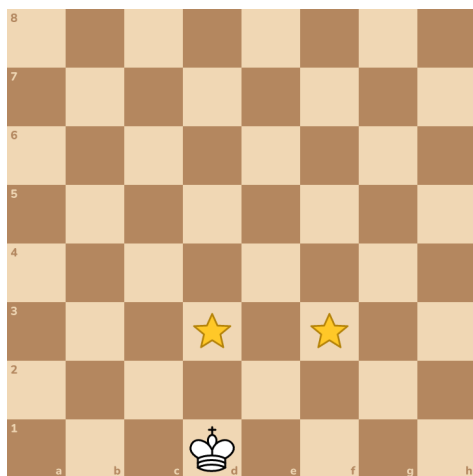
Try it 1. Point to every square the king can move to.



Try it 2. Walk the king to the star!



Try it 3. Now collect all the stars.

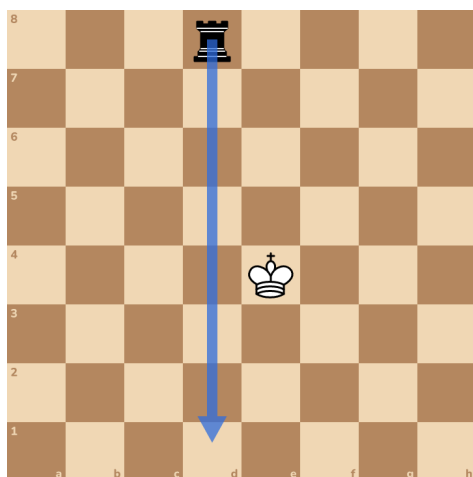


Try it 4. Which piece is the king?

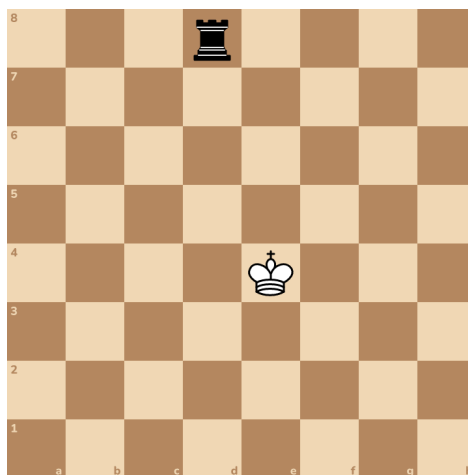


Keep him safe

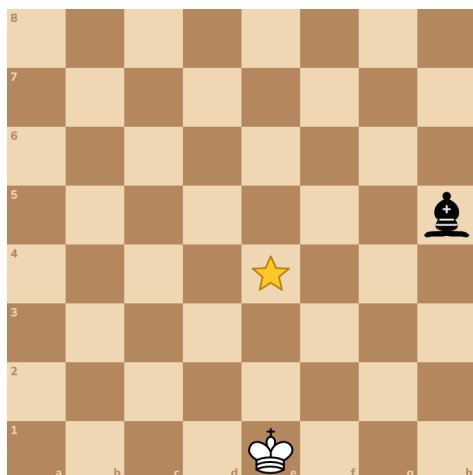
The king must never step where an enemy piece could catch him.



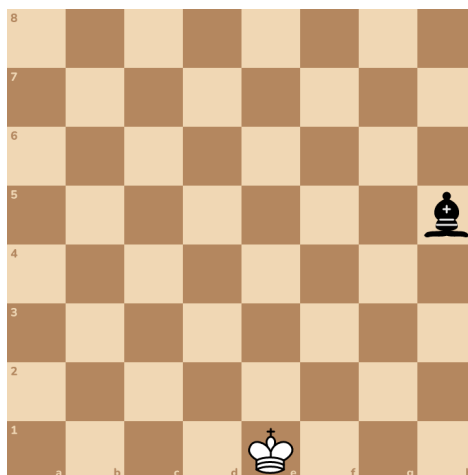
Try it 5. Point to every square where the king is safe.



Try it 6. Walk the king to the star. Keep away from the bishop's lines!

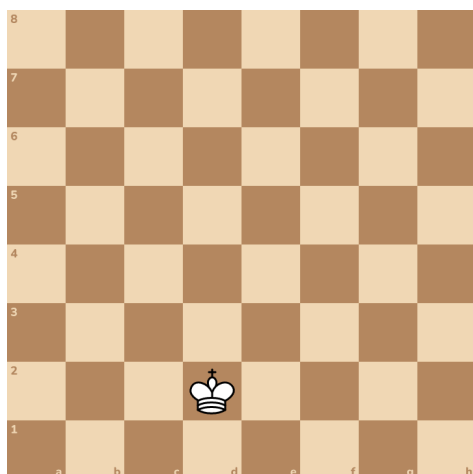


Well done! The king is slow, so keep him safe. Next you'll meet the knight.

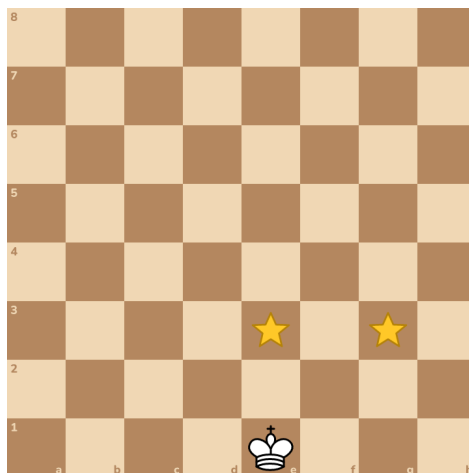


King practice

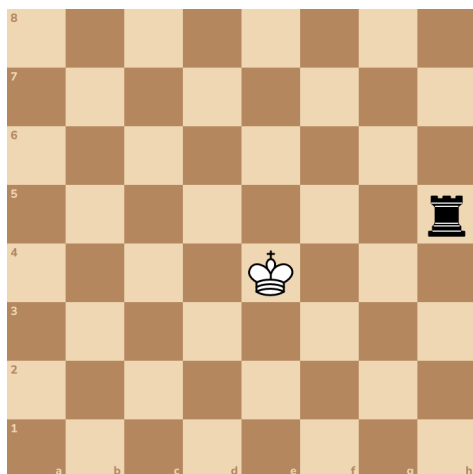
Time to practise with the king!



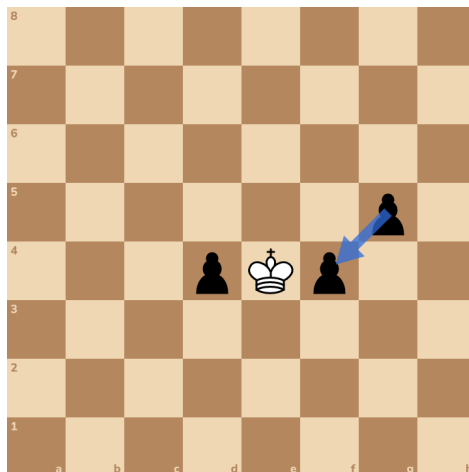
Try it 7. Walk the king to collect all the stars.



Try it 8. New position. The rook is watching a whole row. Point to every square where the king is safe.

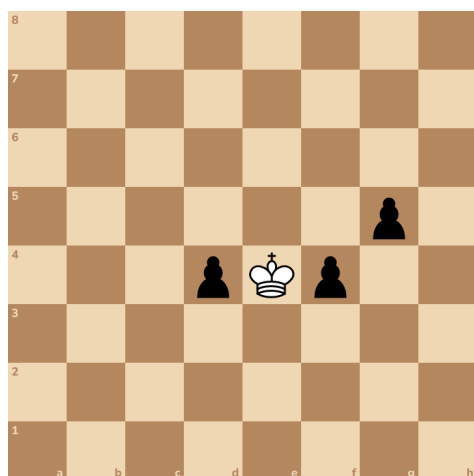


Here's a new position. The king can catch pieces too, but only ones nobody guards. Here the pawn on g5 guards the pawn on f4.



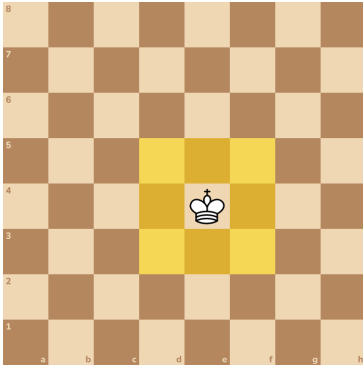
Try it 9. So capture the pawn that nobody guards!

Well done! The king caught the pawn, and nothing can catch him back.

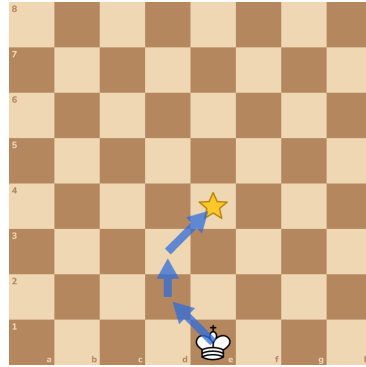


Answers

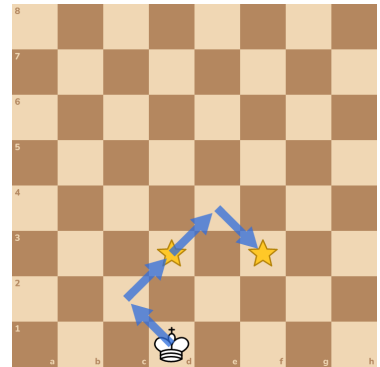
1. d5, e5, f5, f4, f3, e3, d3, d4



2. 3 moves: Kd2, Kd3, Ke4

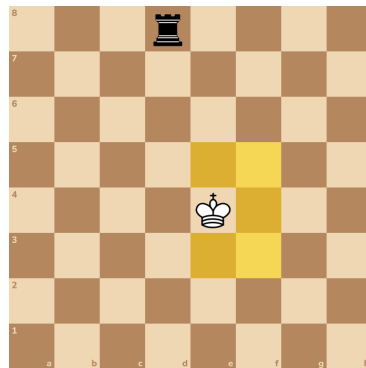


3. 4 moves: Kc2, Kd3, Ke4, Kf3

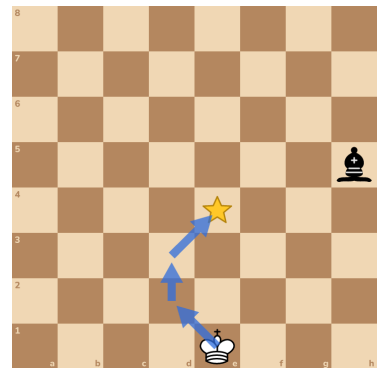


4. B: the white king

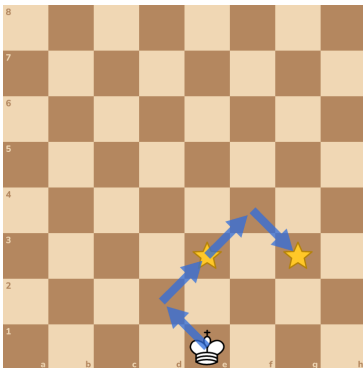
5. e5, f5, f4, f3, e3



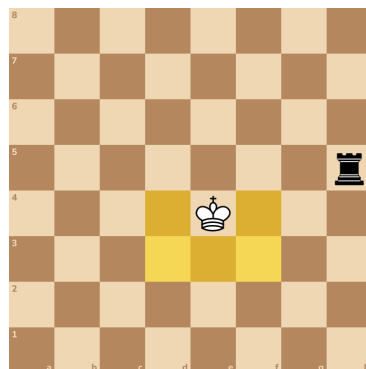
6. 3 moves: Kd2, Kd3, Ke4



7. 4 moves: Kd2, Ke3, Kf4, Kg3



8. d3, e3, f3, d4, f4



9. Kxd4

