

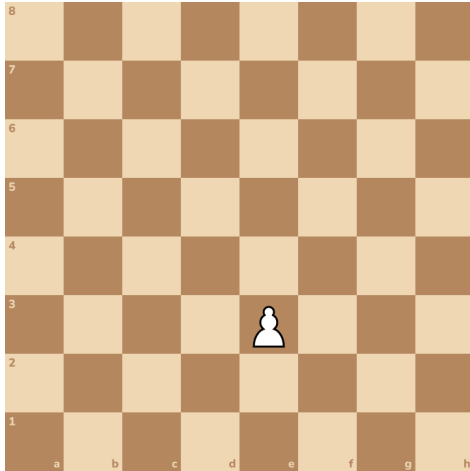


How the pawn moves in chess

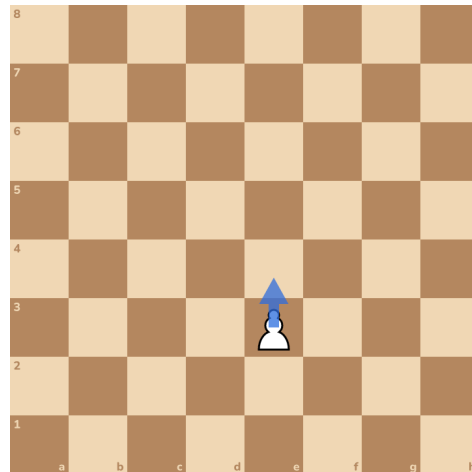
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Little steps

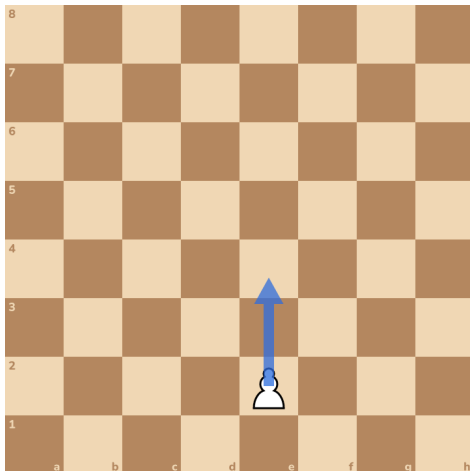
This is a pawn. Each side has eight of them.



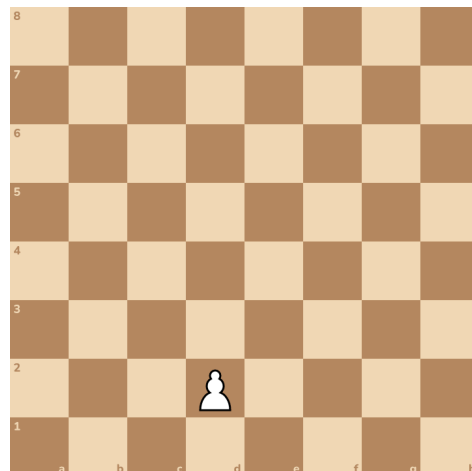
A pawn moves straight forward, one step at a time. It never goes backwards.



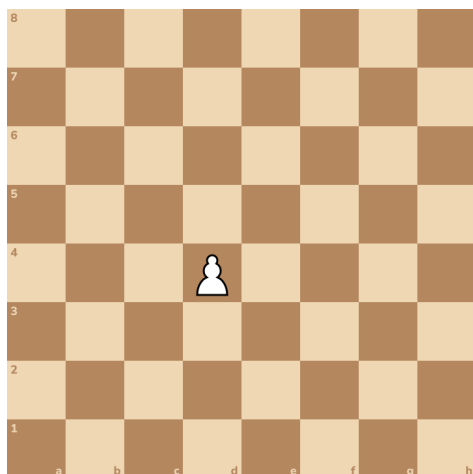
New position. On its very first move, a pawn may take two steps.



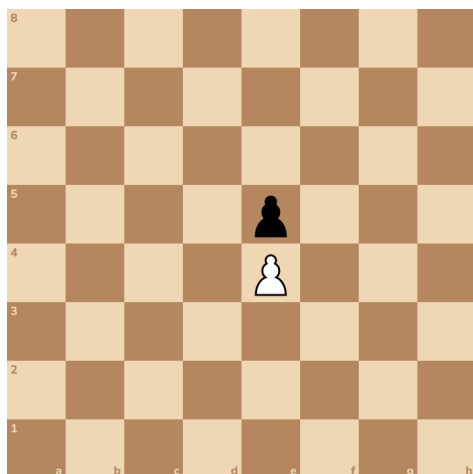
Try it 1. Here's another pawn. Point to every square this pawn can move to.



Try it 2. New position. This pawn has moved already. Point to where it can go.

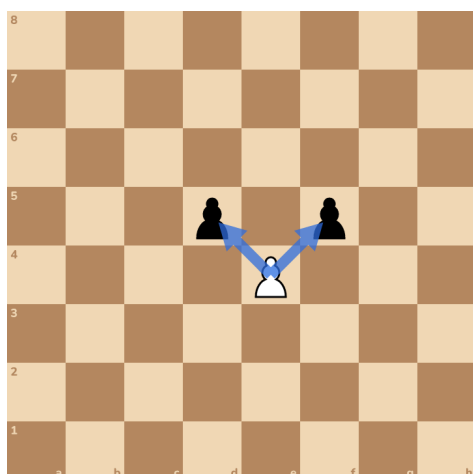


Here's a new position. A pawn can't move forward if a piece is in the way.

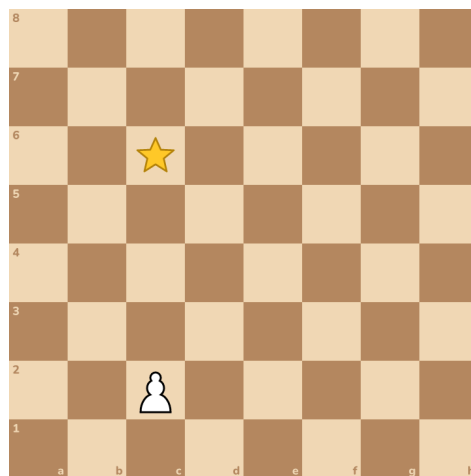


Catch on the slant

Pawns move straight, but they capture on the slant. One step forward and to the side.



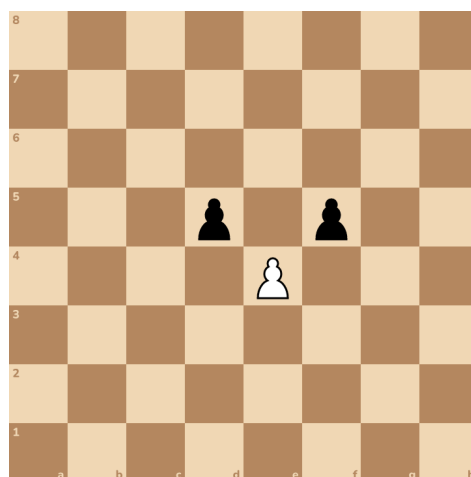
Try it 3. Walk the pawn to the star!



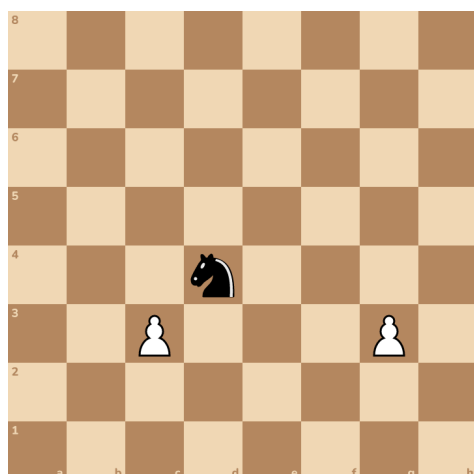
Try it 4. Can this white pawn move?

A: Yes B: No

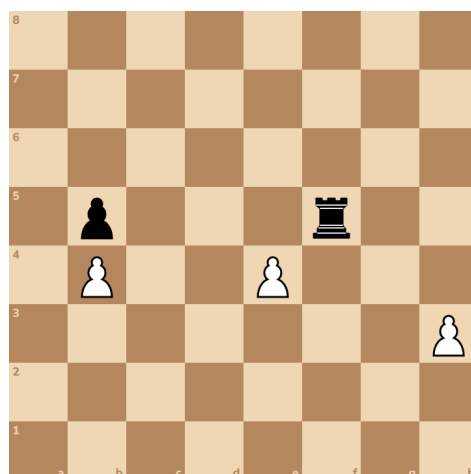
Try it 5. Capture a black pawn!



Try it 6. New position. Capture the black knight with a pawn!



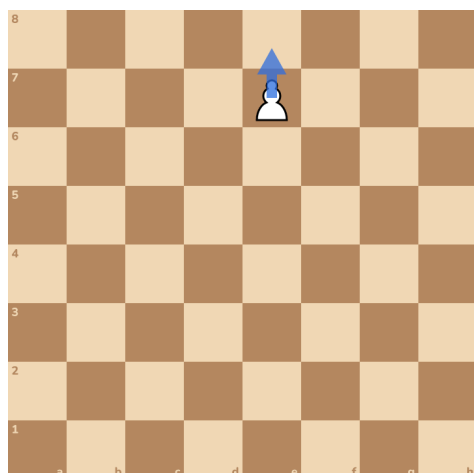
Try it 7. Here's another one. Which pawn can catch the rook? Capture it!



Remember. Straight to move, slanted to capture.

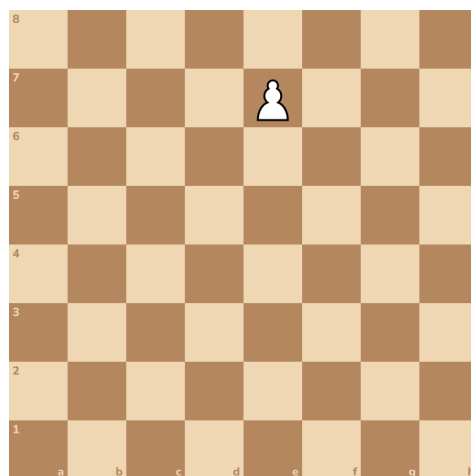
A new queen

When a pawn reaches the far end of the board, it turns into a new piece!



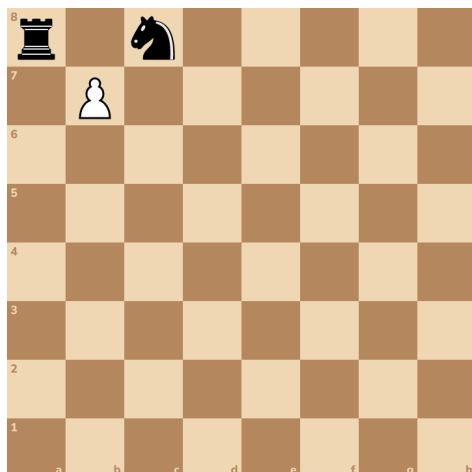
You can pick a queen, a rook, a bishop or a knight. Most of the time, pick the queen!

Try it 8. Move the pawn to the end. Pick the queen!



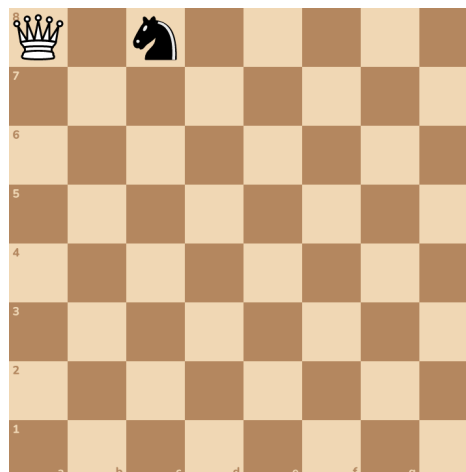
Now you have a new queen!

Try it 9. Here's a new position. This pawn can capture its way to the end. Capture, and pick a queen!



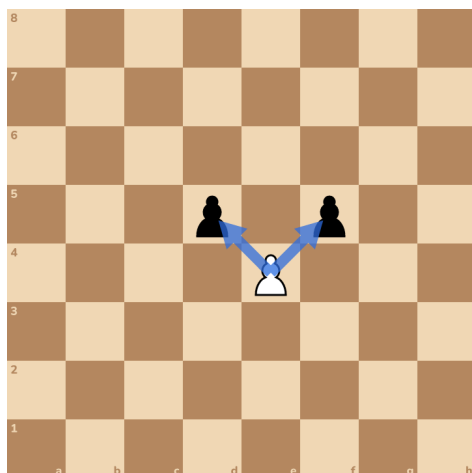
Try it 10. What do most players pick when a pawn reaches the end?

A:  B:  C: 



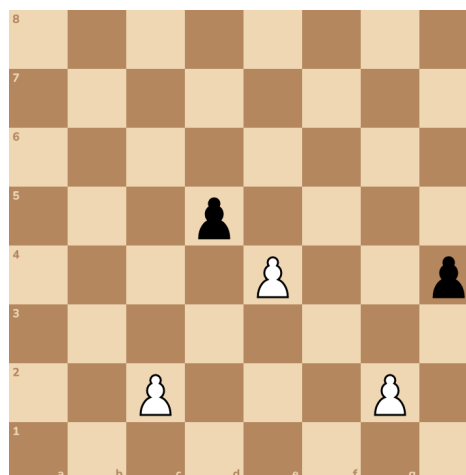
Pawn practice

Time to practise with pawns! Remember, pawns move straight forward, but they capture on the slant.

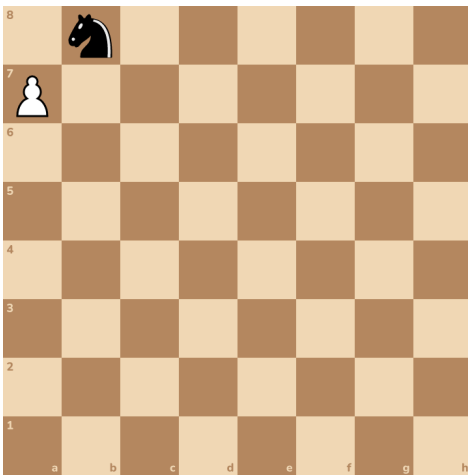


Here are some more pawns.

Try it 11. Only one pawn can capture. Capture with it!

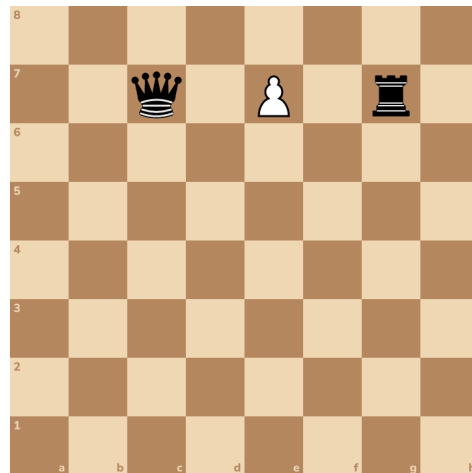


Try it 12. New position. Make a new queen!

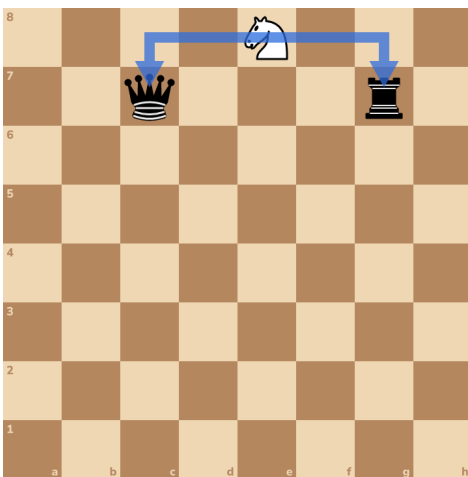


Here's a new position. Sometimes a knight is better than a queen!

Try it 13. Make a knight! It will attack the rook and the queen at once.



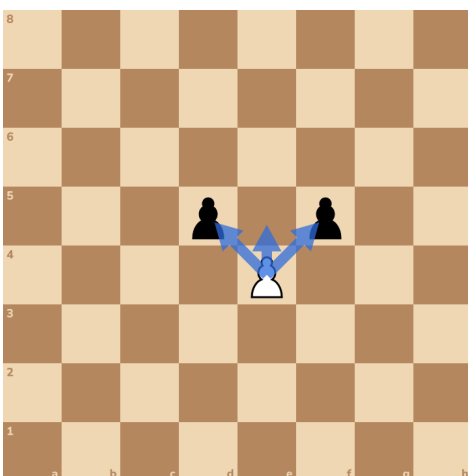
The knight attacks both. That's called a fork!



Try it 14. Which way does a pawn capture?

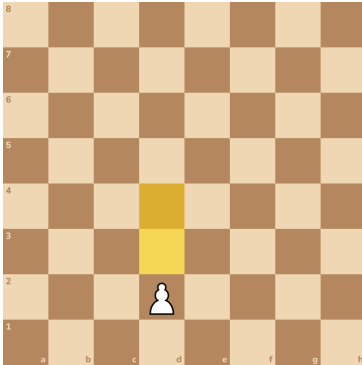
A: Straight B: On the slant

That's right! Pawns move straight forward, but they capture on the slant.

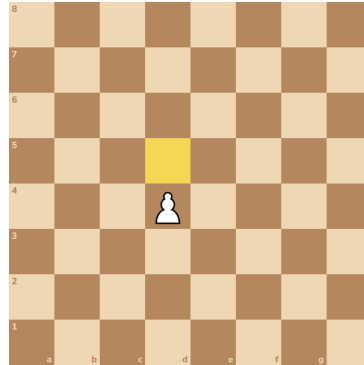


Answers

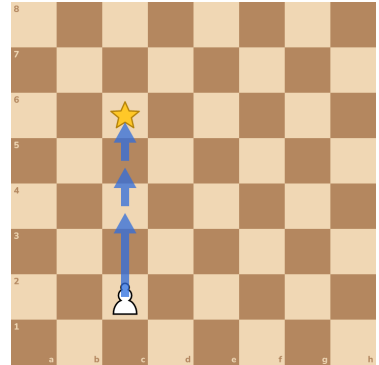
1. d3, d4



2. d5

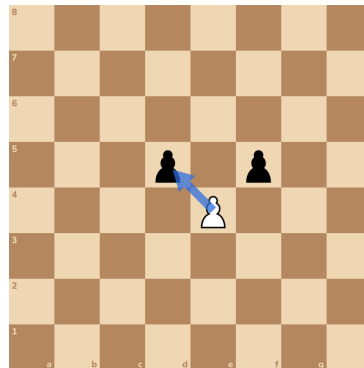


3. 3 moves: c4, c5, c6

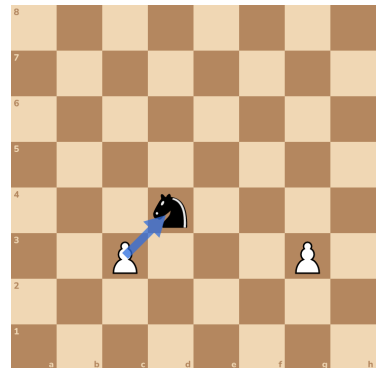


4. B: No

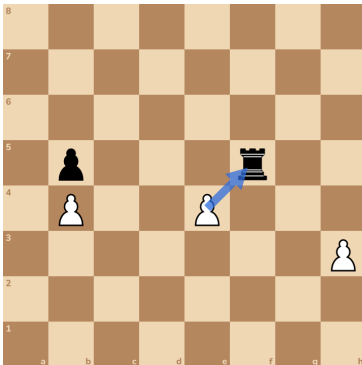
5. exd5 or exf5



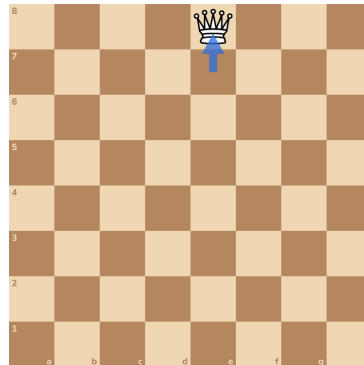
6. cxd4



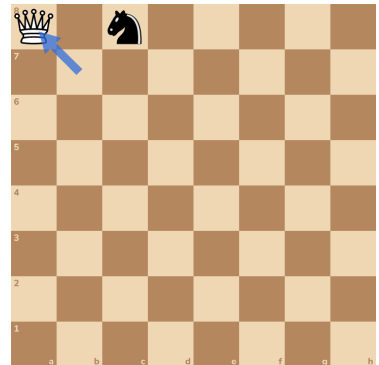
7. exf5



8. e8=Q

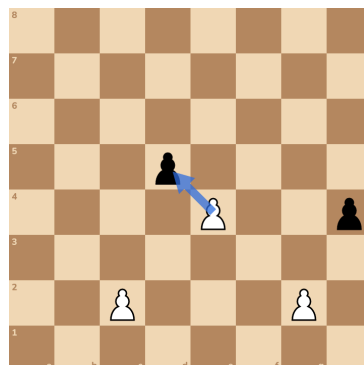


9. bxa8=Q or bxc8=Q

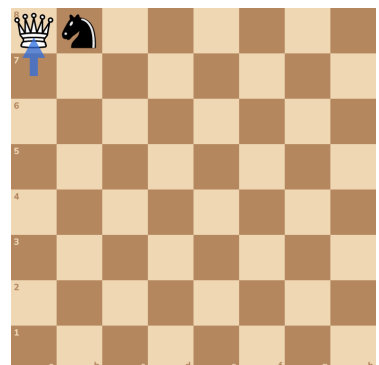


10. A: the white queen

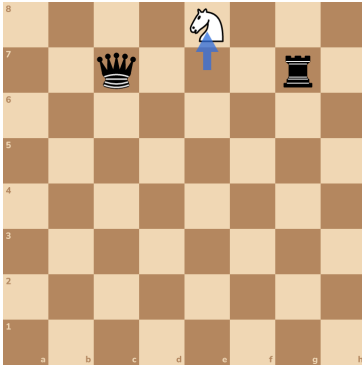
11. exd5



12. a8=Q or axb8=Q



13. e8=N



14. B: On the slant