

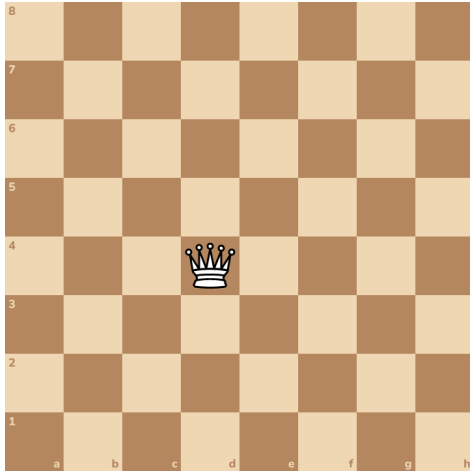


How the queen moves in chess

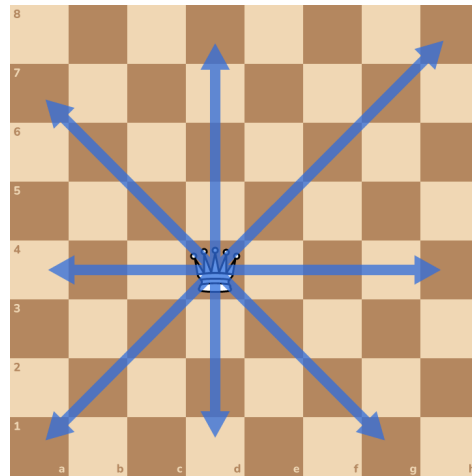
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

The strongest piece

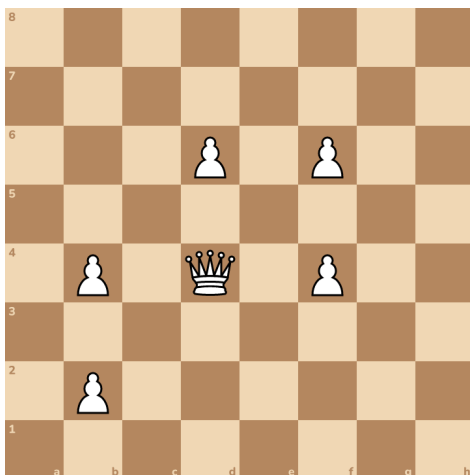
This is the queen. She is the strongest piece.



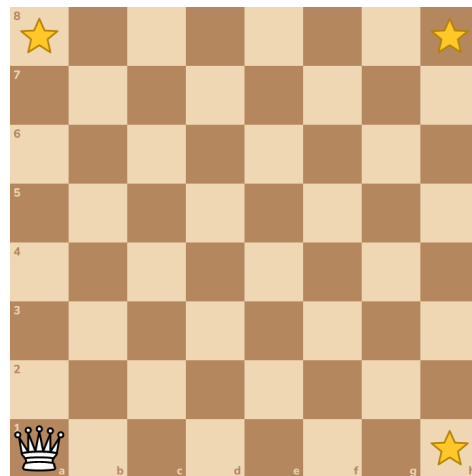
The queen moves like a rook and a bishop together. Straight or slanted, as far as she likes.



Try it 1. New position. Point to every square the queen can move to. Your pawns are in the way!



Try it 2. Collect all the stars. Can you do it in 3 moves?

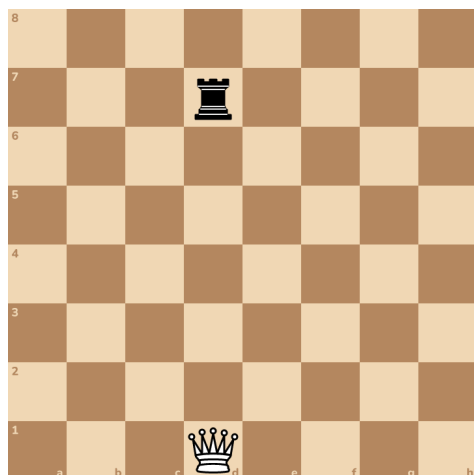


Try it 3. Which piece is the queen?

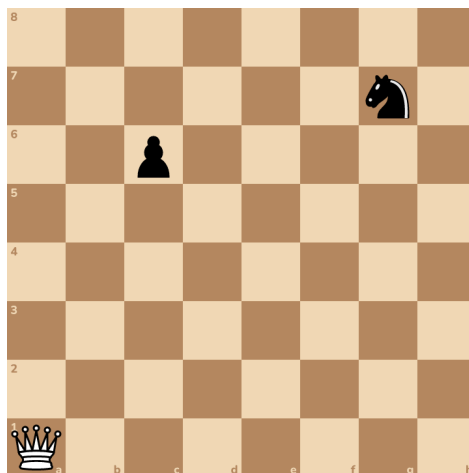
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Catch with the queen

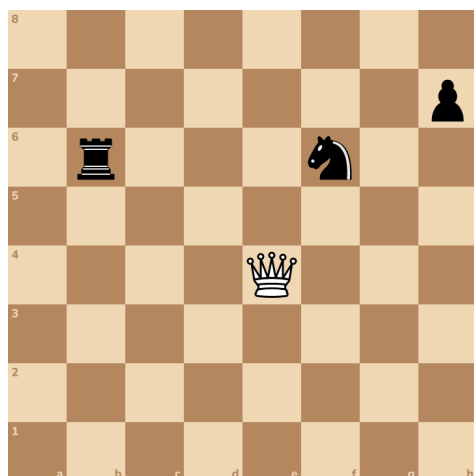
Try it 4. Capture the black rook!



Try it 5. New position. Capture the black knight!



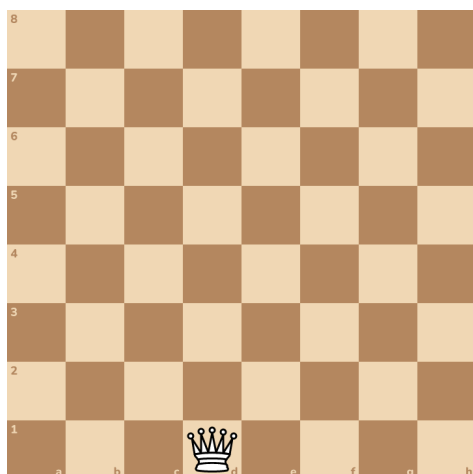
Try it 6. Here's another one. Which piece can the queen catch? Capture it!



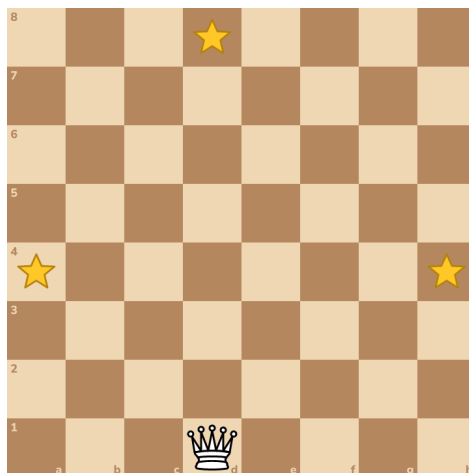
The queen is very strong, so look after her!
Next you'll meet the king.

Queen practice

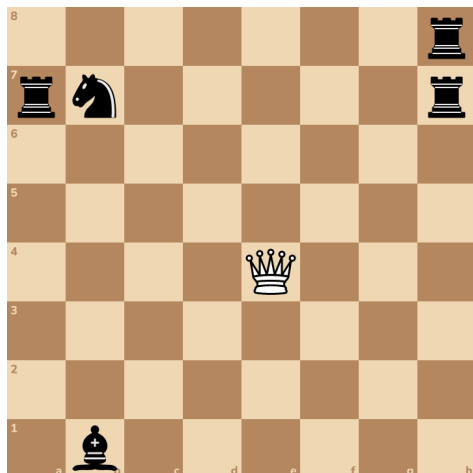
Time to practise with the queen!



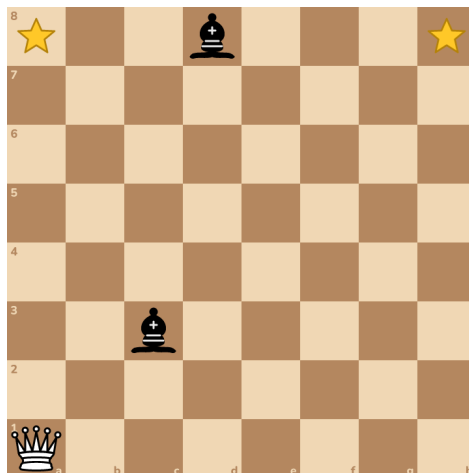
Try it 7. Collect all the stars. The queen goes straight or slanted!



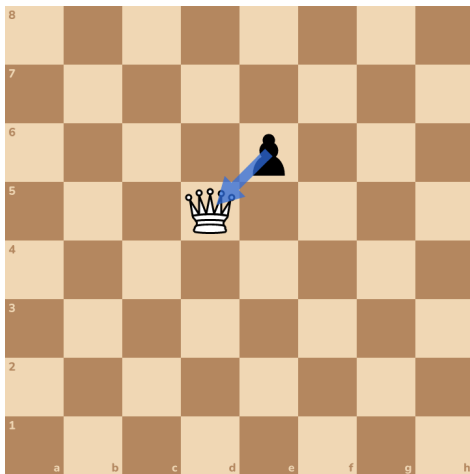
Try it 8. New position. Only one piece has no friend guarding it. Catch that one!



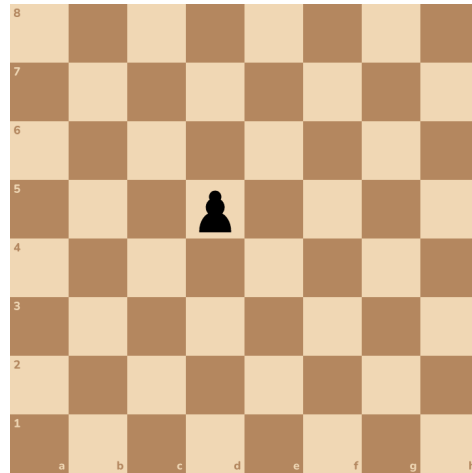
Try it 9. Collect the stars. The bishops are in the way!



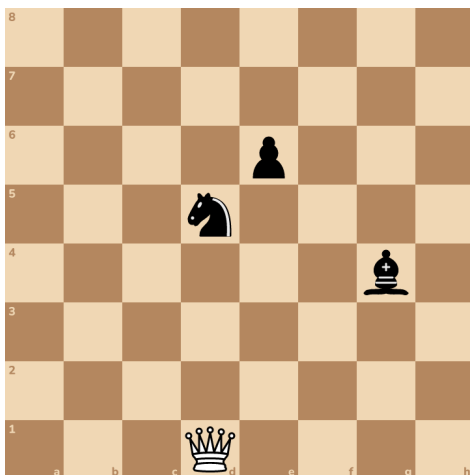
Here's a new position. The queen is strong, but she can be caught too. This queen has gone next to a black pawn.



The pawn catches her! Always check your queen is safe before you move her.



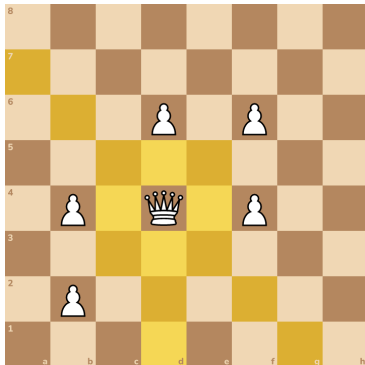
Try it 10. Here's another one. The pawn guards the knight. Catch the piece that is safe to catch!



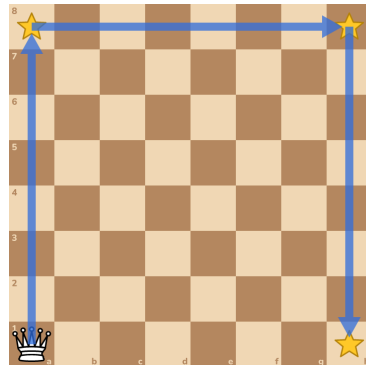
Well done! You caught the bishop, and your queen is safe.

Answers

1. c5, b6, a7, d5, e5, e4, e3, f2, g1, d3, d2, d1, c3, c4

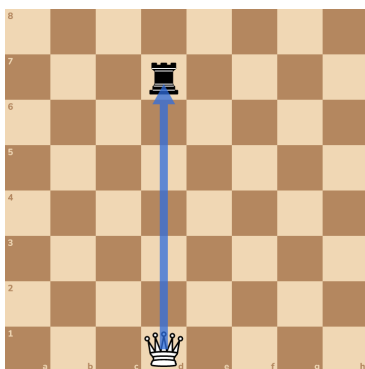


2. 3 moves: Qa8, Qh8, Qh1

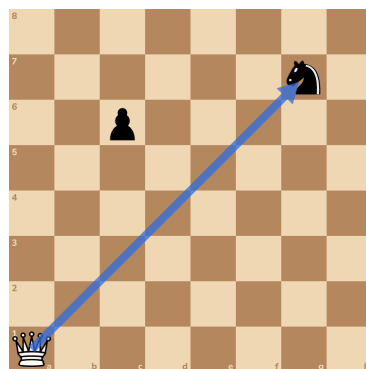


3. B: the white queen

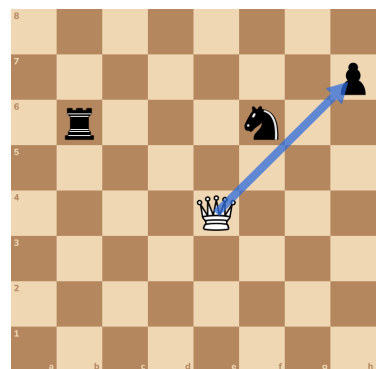
4. Qxd7



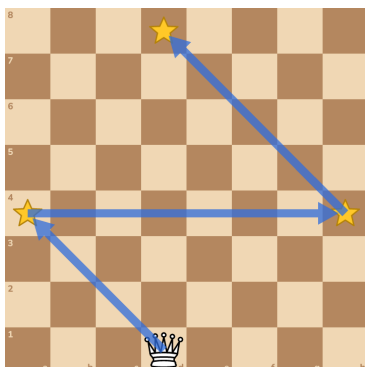
5. Qxg7



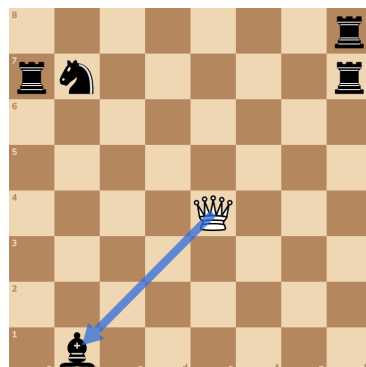
6. Qxh7



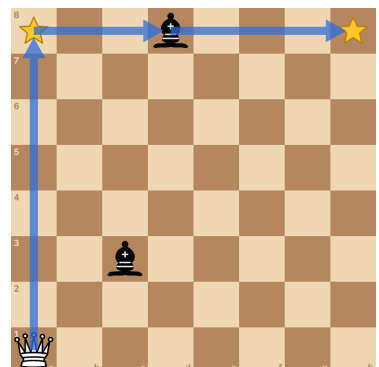
7. 3 moves: Qa4, Qh4, Qd8



8. Qxb1



9. 3 moves: Qa8, Qxd8, Qh8



10. Qxg4

