

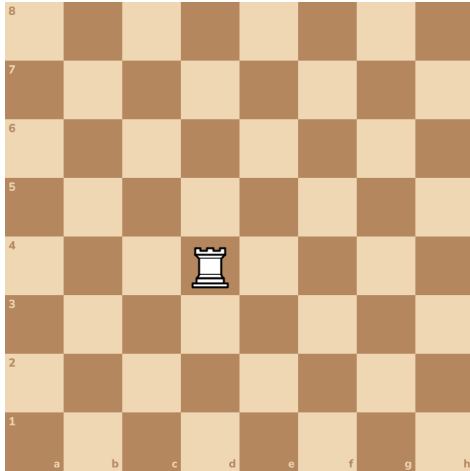


How the rook moves in chess

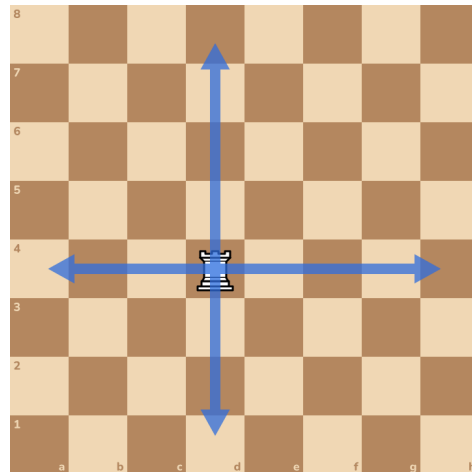
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Straight lines

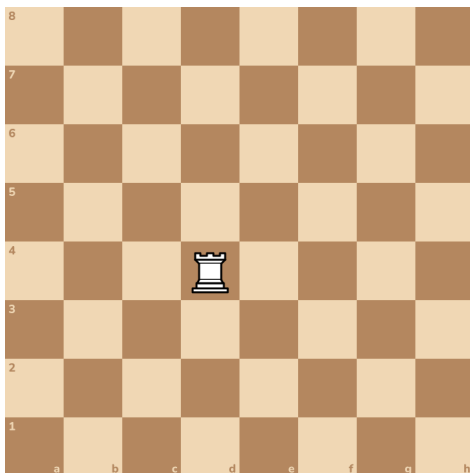
This is a rook. It looks like a castle tower.



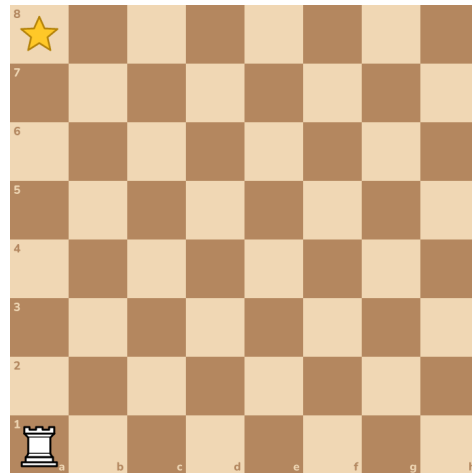
The rook moves in straight lines. Up, down, left or right, as far as it likes.



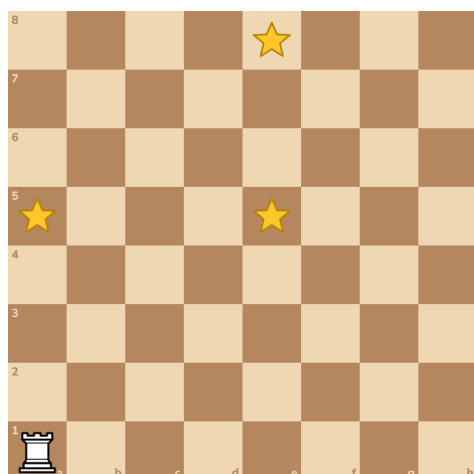
Try it 1. Point to every square the rook can move to.



Try it 2. Move the rook to collect the star!



Try it 3. Now collect all the stars. Can you do it in 3 moves?

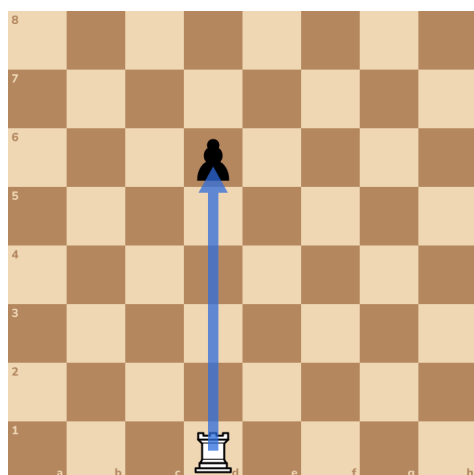


Try it 4. Which piece is the rook?

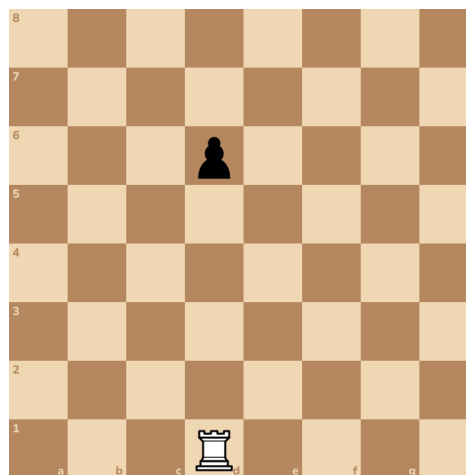


Catch with the rook

A rook captures by landing on an enemy piece.
The piece is taken off the board.

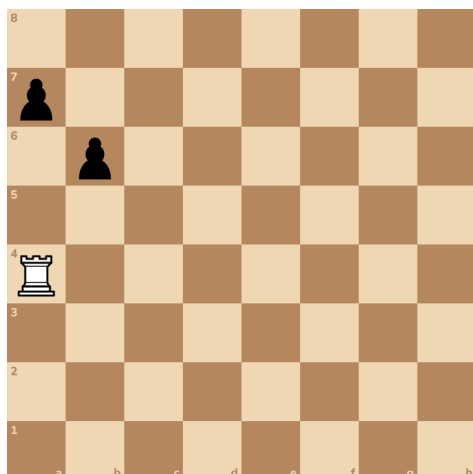


Try it 5. Capture the black pawn!



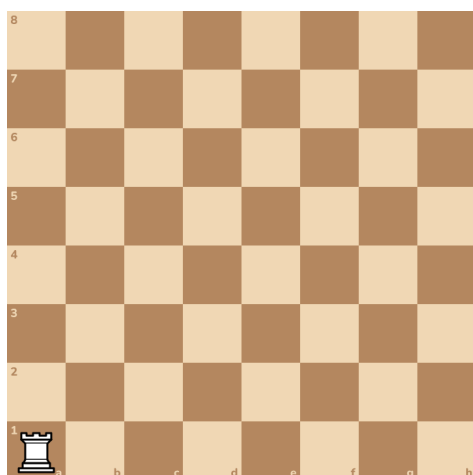
Try it 6. Here's a new position. There are two pawns. Capture the one your rook can reach.

Well done! The rook is a strong piece. Next you'll meet the bishop.

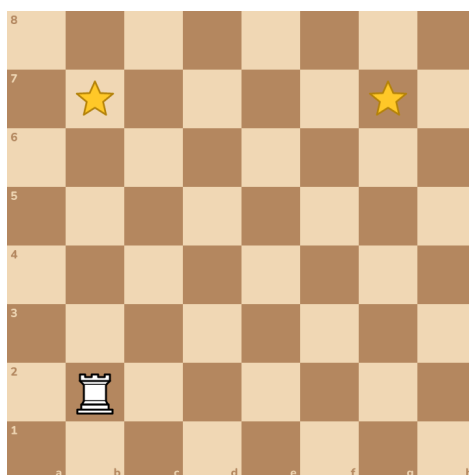


Rook practice

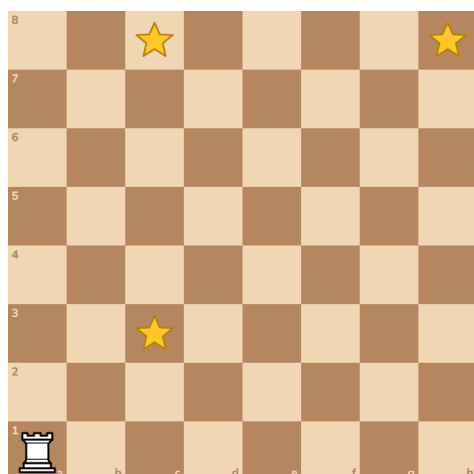
Time to practise with the rook!



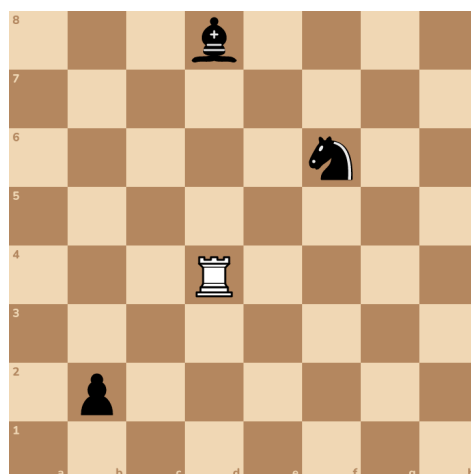
Try it 7. Collect both stars!



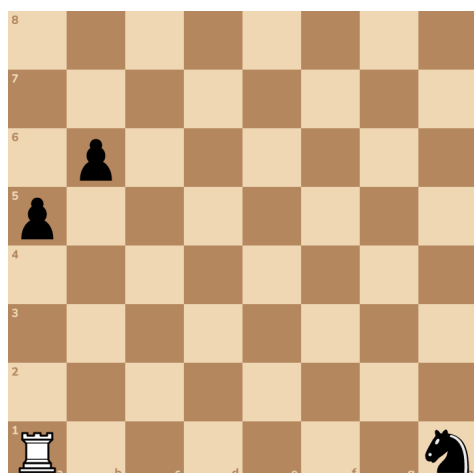
Try it 8. Collect all the stars. Use as few moves as you can!



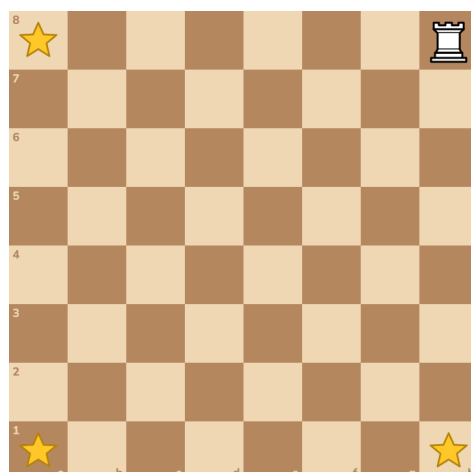
Try it 9. New position. Which piece can your rook catch? Capture it!



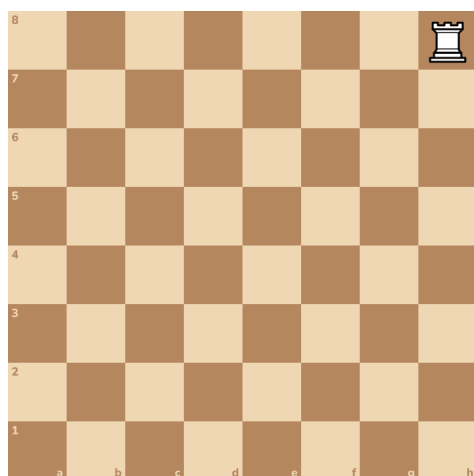
Try it 10. Here's another one. One pawn is guarded by another pawn. Catch the piece that isn't guarded!



Try it 11. Last one! Collect all the stars in 3 moves.

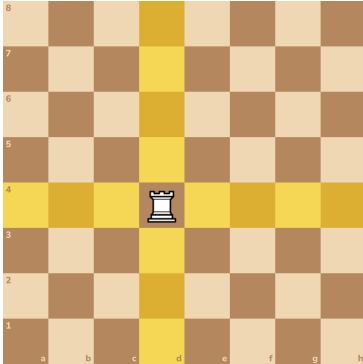


Great rook work!

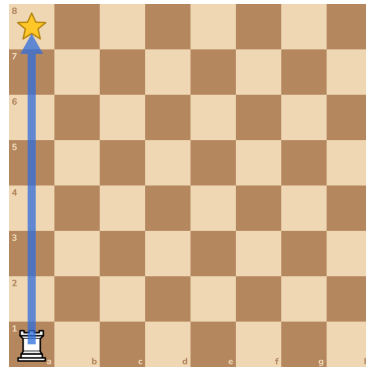


Answers

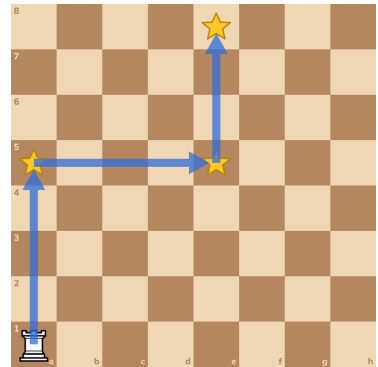
1. d5, d6, d7, d8, e4, f4, g4, h4, d3, d2, d1, c4, b4, a4



2. 1 move: Ra8

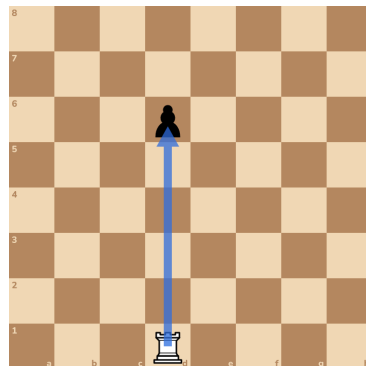


3. 3 moves: Ra5, Re5, Re8

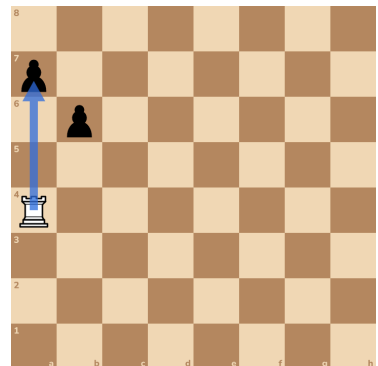


4. B: the white rook

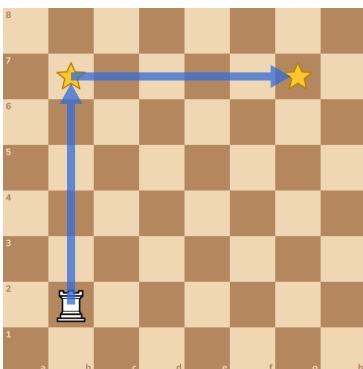
5. Rxd6



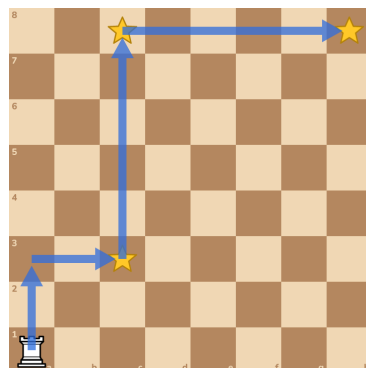
6. Rxa7



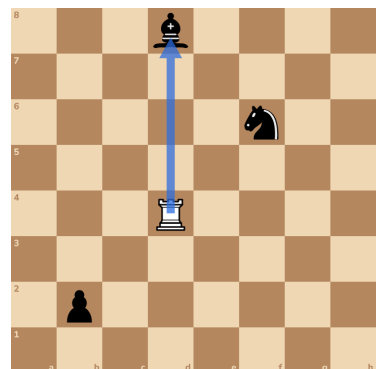
7. 2 moves: Rb7, Rg7



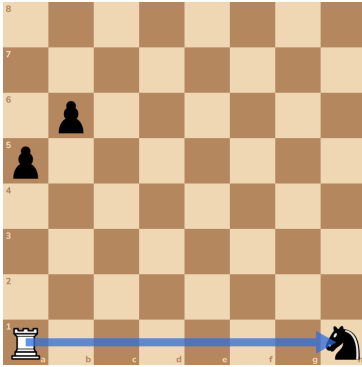
8. 4 moves: Ra3, Rc3, Rc8, Rh8



9. Rxd8



10. Rxh1



11. 3 moves: Rh1, Ra1, Ra8

