My Chess Family

How to keep score in a chess game

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

Keeping score

In a club game, you write every move on a scoresheet. Each line has a number, then White's move, then Black's.



White castled, so we write O-O on line 4. Black's move goes next to it when it's played.



Here are three moves each. Line 2 says White played Nf3, and Black answered Nc6. The board shows where the pieces are now.



Make your move first, then write it down. If there's a clock, press it after your move.



Try it 1. The knight moves along the arrow. How do you write this move?

A: Nf3 **B: Kf3** **C: f3**



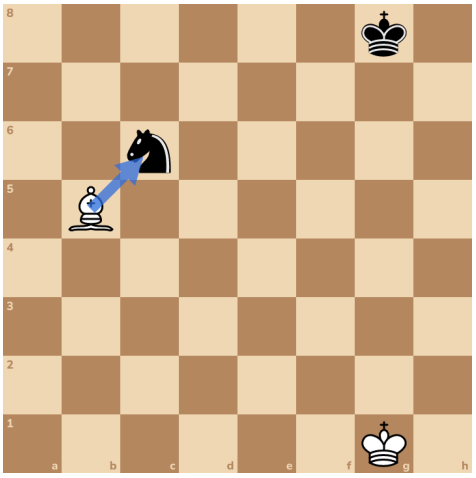
Try it 2. The pawn moves along the arrow. How do you write it?

A: Pd4 **B: d4** **C: d2**



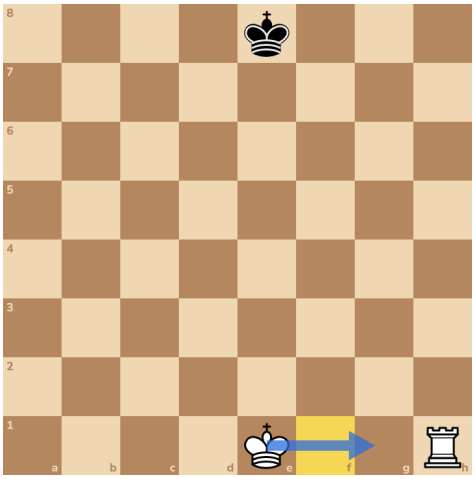
Try it 3. Here's a new position. The bishop takes the knight. How do you write it?

A: Bc6 **B: Bxc6** **C: Nxc6**



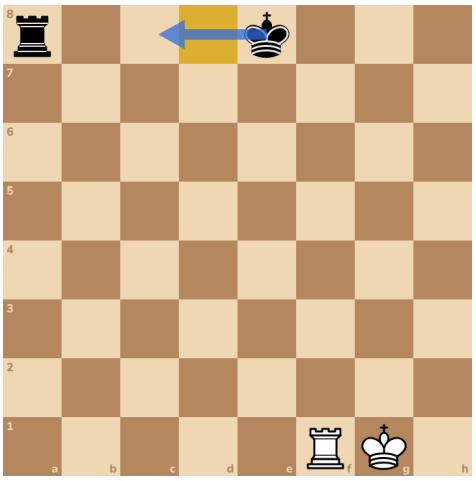
Try it 4. Here's a new position. Your king castles on the short side, along the arrow. How do you write it?

A: O-O **B: O-O-O** **C: Kg1**



Try it 5. Now Black castles on the long side, along the arrow. How do you write it?

A: O-O **B: O-O-O** **C: Kc8**



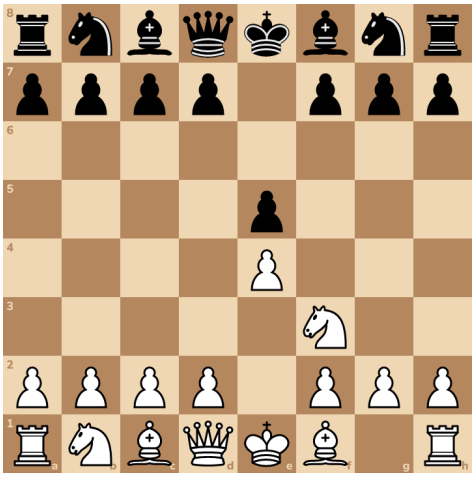
Try it 6. Black's knight moves along the arrow. Which line of the scoresheet is it on, and which side?

A: Line 2 for Black **B: Line 2 for White**

C: Line 3 for Black



Here's a new game, with three moves on the scoresheet so far.



Touch-move! If you touch one of your pieces, you must move it, if it can move.



If you touch one of the other player's pieces, you must take it, if you can. And once you let go of a piece, the move is made.

To straighten a piece on its square, say "I adjust" first. Then you can touch it without having to move it.

Try it 7. You touch your knight, then change your mind. What must you do?

A: Move the knight **B: Move any piece**

Try it 8. What do you say before you straighten a piece?

A: I adjust **B: Sorry** **C: Check**

Answers

1. A: Nf3

2. B: d4

3. B: Bxc6

4. A: O-O

5. B: O-O-O

6. A: Line 2 for Black

7. A: Move the knight

8. A: I adjust