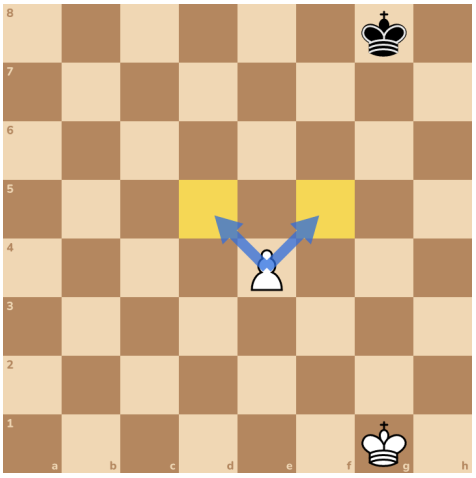
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The pawn fork

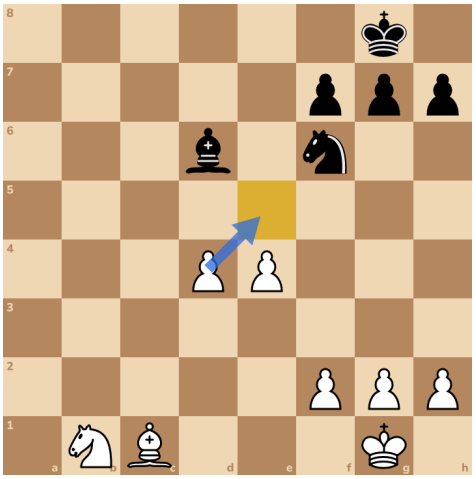
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Pawn forks

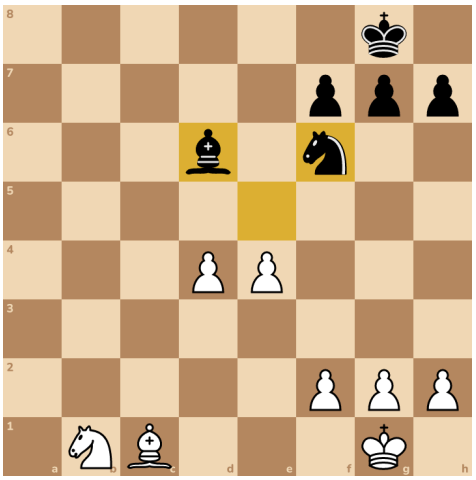
A pawn captures one square forward on the slant. So it attacks two squares at once.



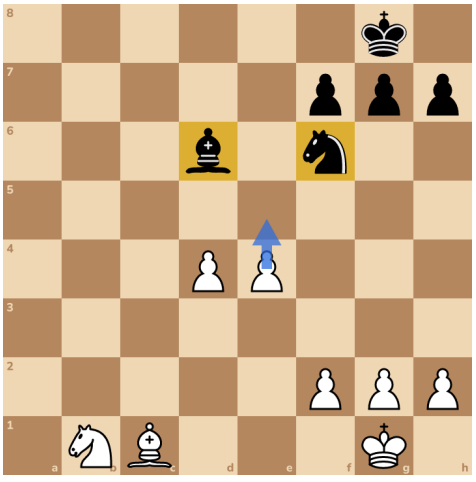
The bishop could take a pawn on e5. But your d4 pawn guards e5, so Black still loses a piece.



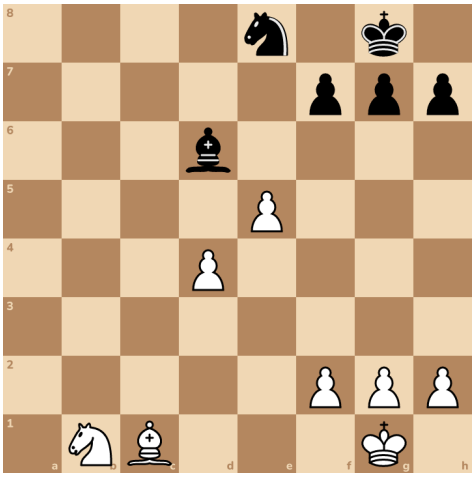
Here's a new position. Black's knight is on f6 and the bishop is on d6. Your pawn on e4 could step between them.



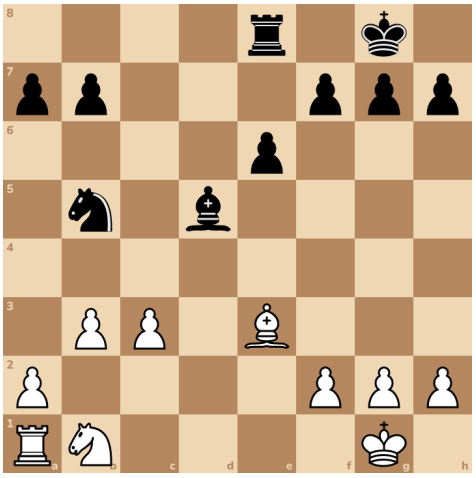
Try it 1. Push your pawn to e5. It attacks the knight and the bishop!



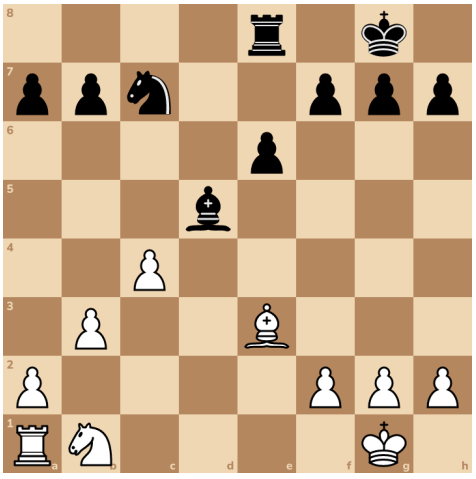
Try it 2. The knight ran away. Take the bishop!



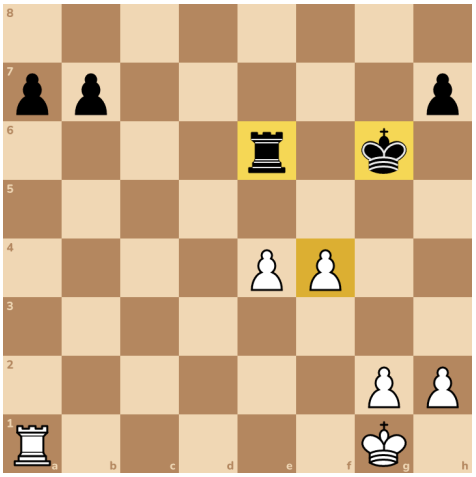
Try it 3. Here's a new position. Find a pawn fork on the knight and the bishop!



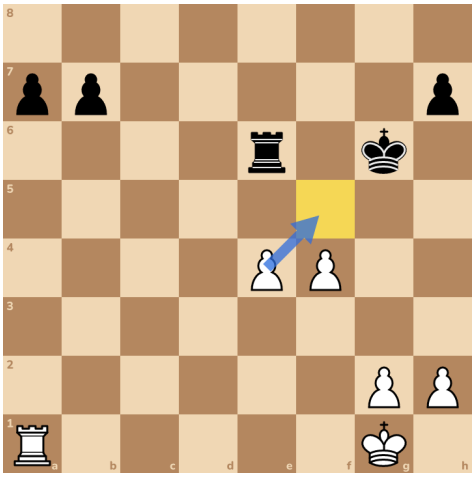
Try it 4. The knight ran away. Take the bishop!



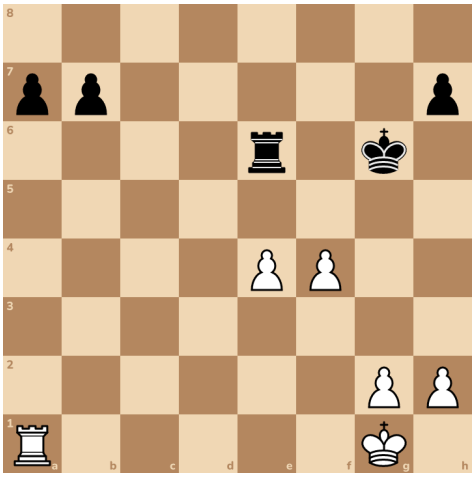
Here's a new position. Pawns can even fork the king! Your f-pawn can check the king and attack the rook.



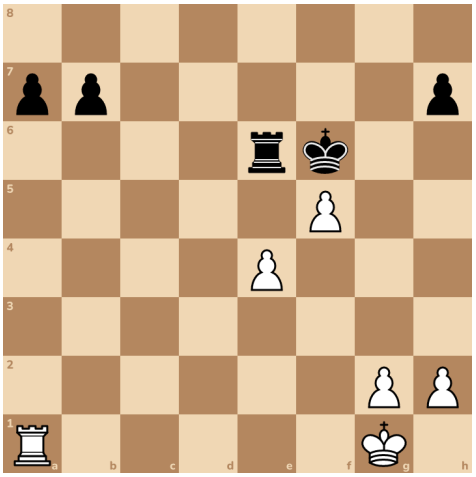
Your e4 pawn guards f5, so the king can't take a pawn there.



Try it 5. Push the pawn to check the king and attack the rook!



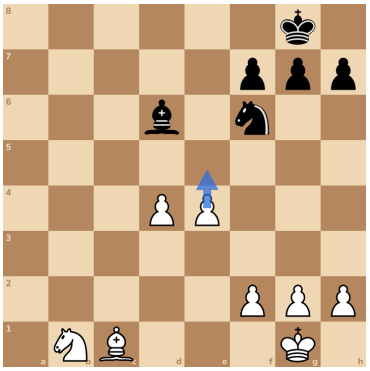
Try it 6. Take the rook!



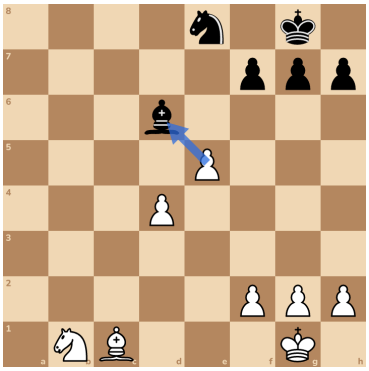
Well done! A pawn is worth the least, so a pawn fork almost always wins something.

Answers

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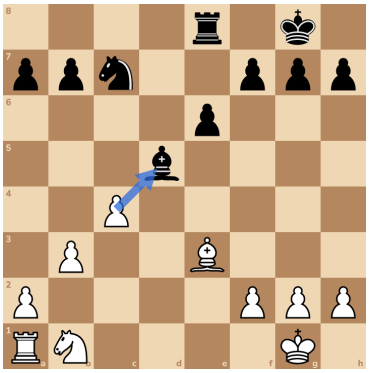
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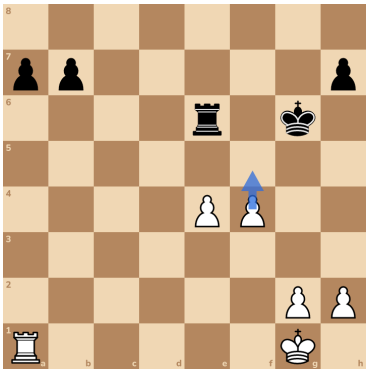
3. c4



4. cxd5



5. f5+



6. fxe6

