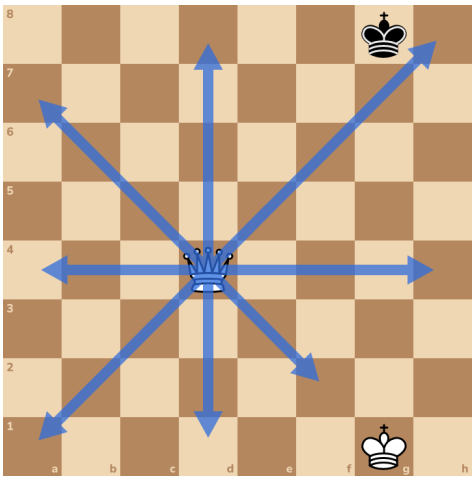
My Chess Family

The queen fork

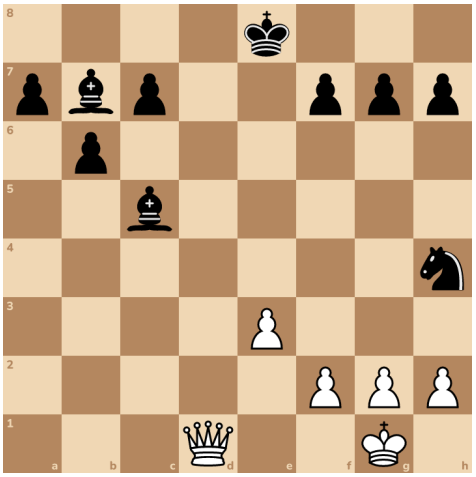
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Queen forks

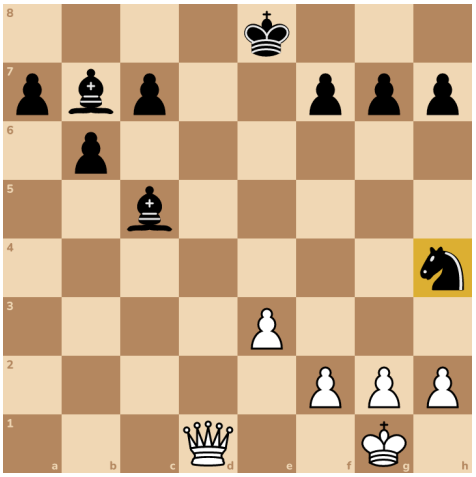
The queen can fork too. She attacks along straight lines and slanted lines, in eight directions.



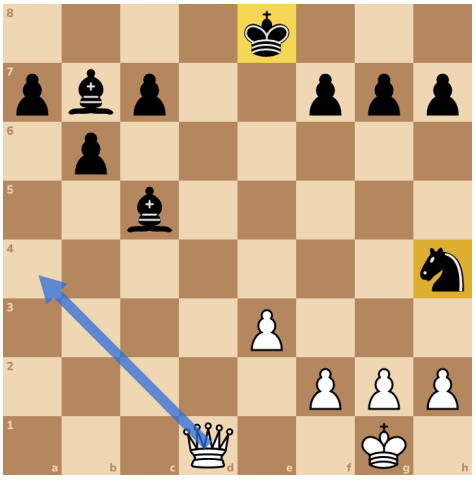
If you just attack the knight, it runs away. So attack it with a check!



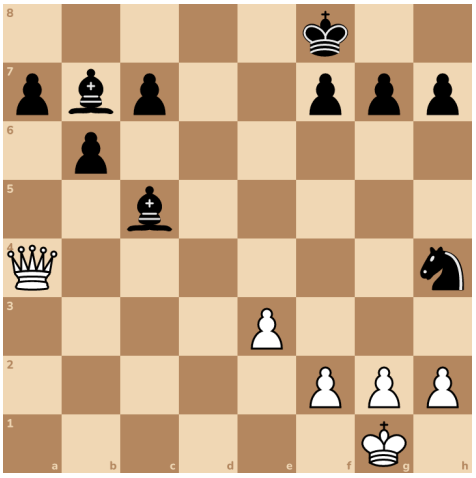
Here's a new position. Black's knight on h4 has no guard. A piece with no guard is loose.



Try it 1. Move your queen to a4. It checks the king and attacks the knight!

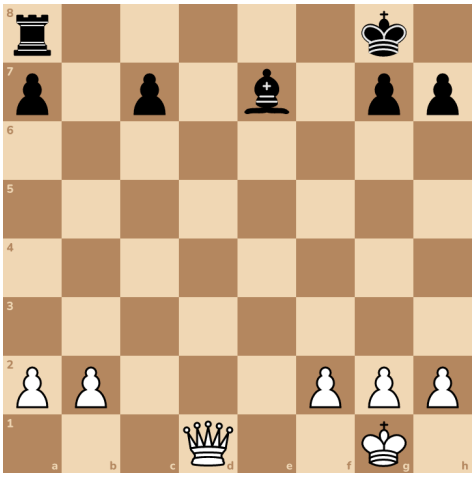


Try it 2. The king stepped away. Now take the knight!

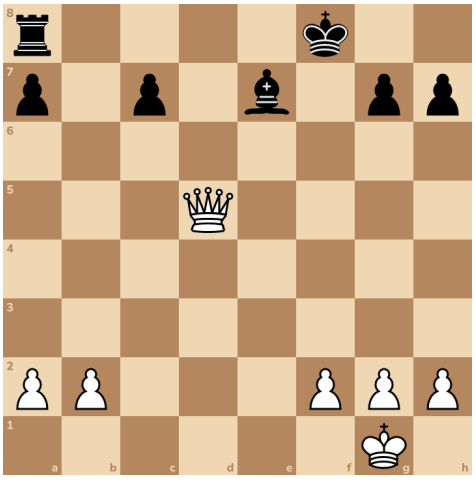


A queen fork is often a check that also hits a loose piece. Look for loose pieces first.

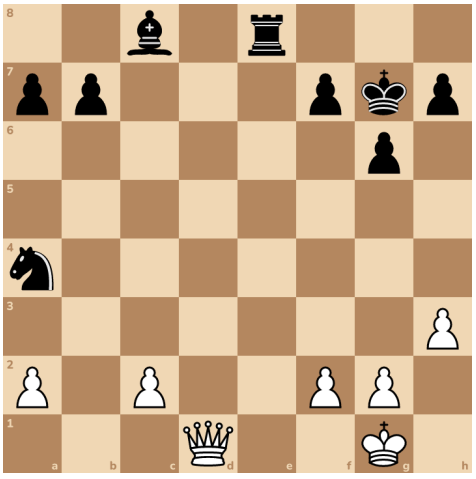
Try it 3. Here's a new position. Find a queen fork on the king and the rook!



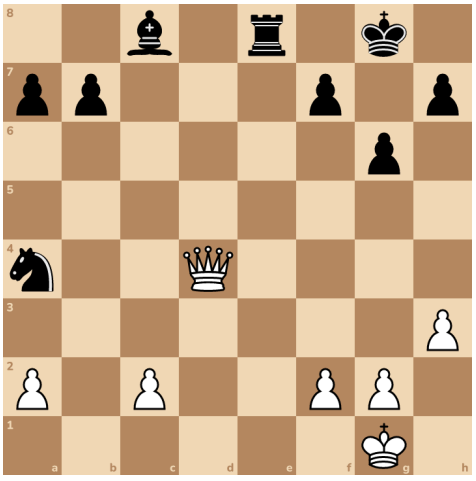
Try it 4. Take the rook!



Try it 5. Here's a new position. Find a queen fork! Look for a loose piece first.



Try it 6. Take the loose piece!



Super! Your queen is worth a lot, so fork from a square that nothing guards.

Answers

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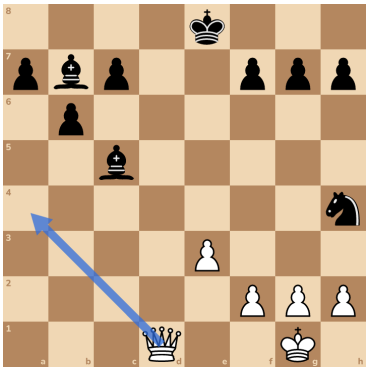
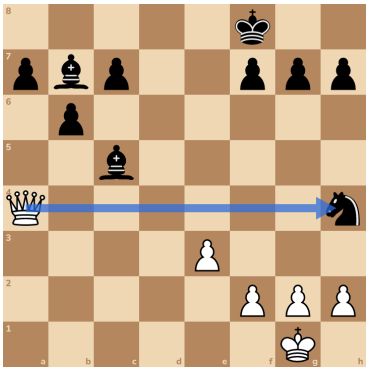
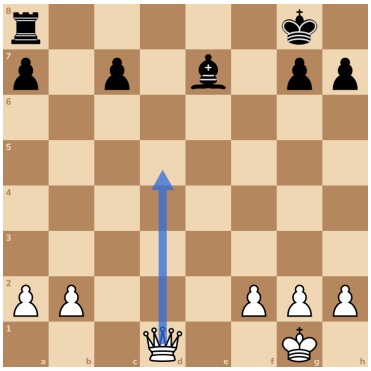


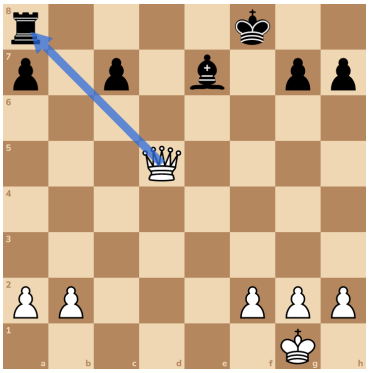
2. Qxh4



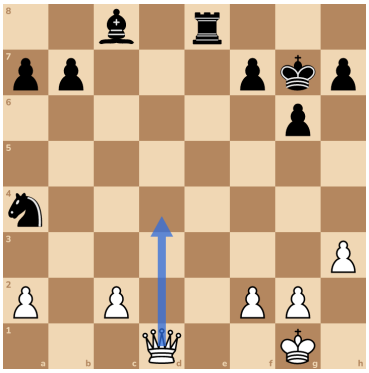
3. Qd5+



4. Qxa8+



5. Qd4+



6. Qxa4

