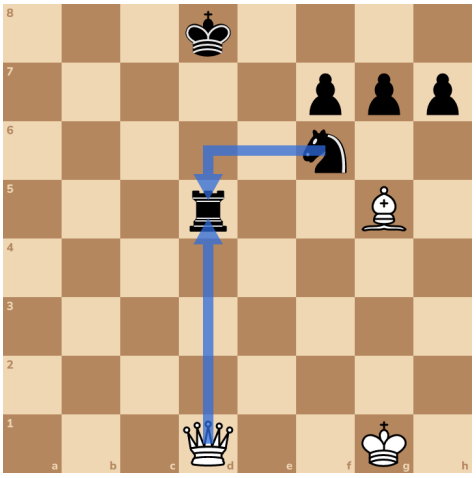
My Chess Family

Take away the guard: removing the defender

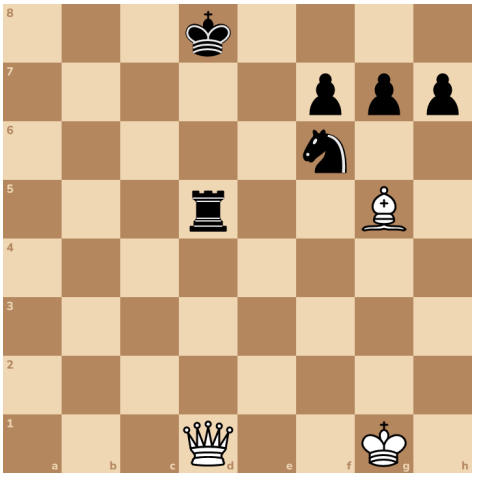
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Take away the guard

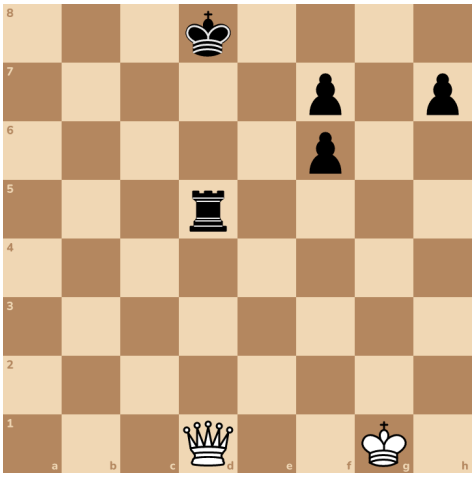
Your queen attacks the rook, but the knight guards it. Take the guard away first!



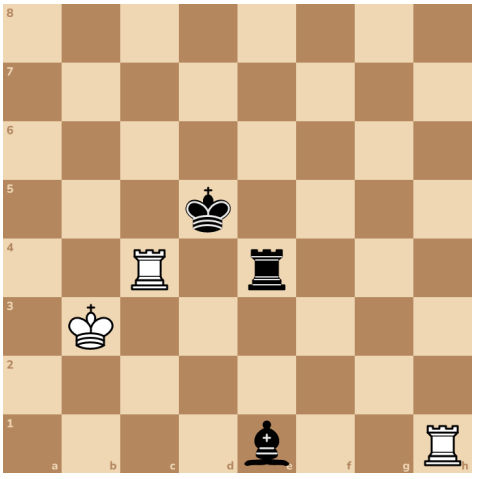
Try it 1. Capture the knight that guards the rook, with check!



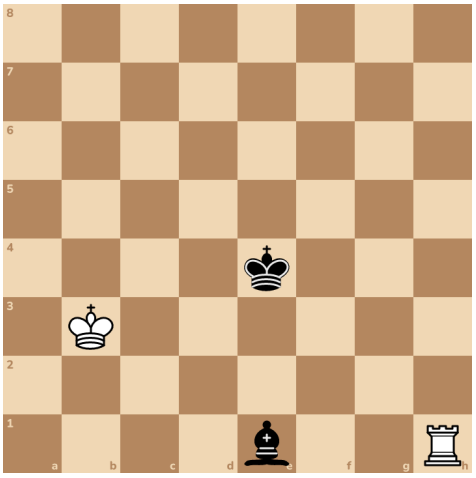
Try it 2. Black had to get out of check, and nothing guards the rook now. Take it!



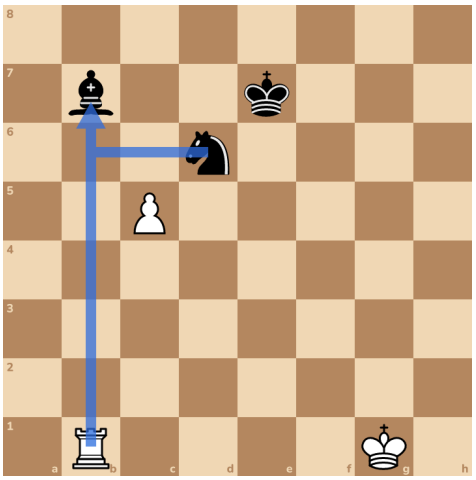
Try it 3. New position. The bishop on e1 is guarded by the rook. Take the rook first!



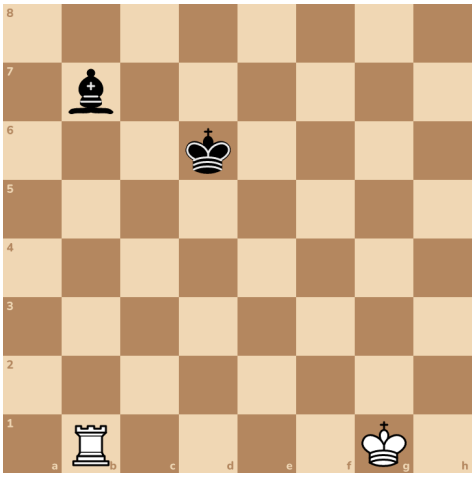
Try it 4. Now the bishop has no guard. Take it, with check!



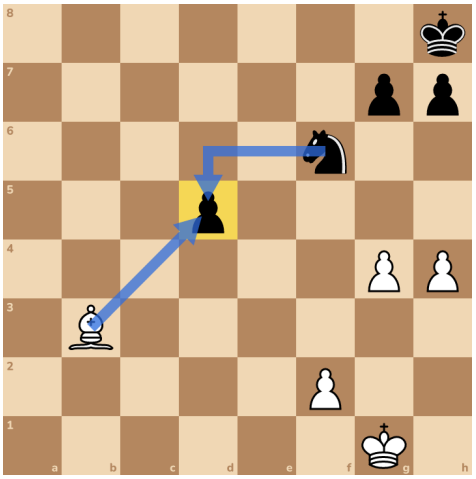
Try it 5. Here's another one. The knight guards the bishop. Take the knight, with check!



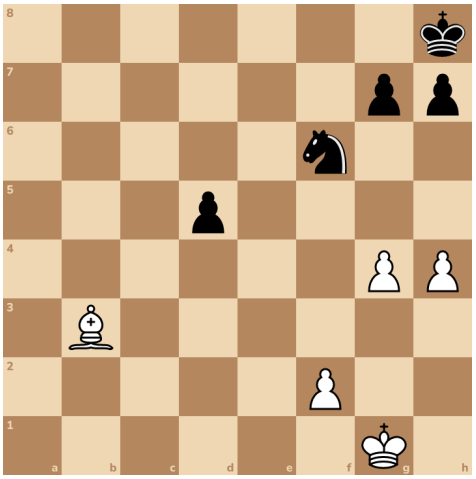
Try it 6. The king had to get out of check, and the bishop has no guard now. Take it!



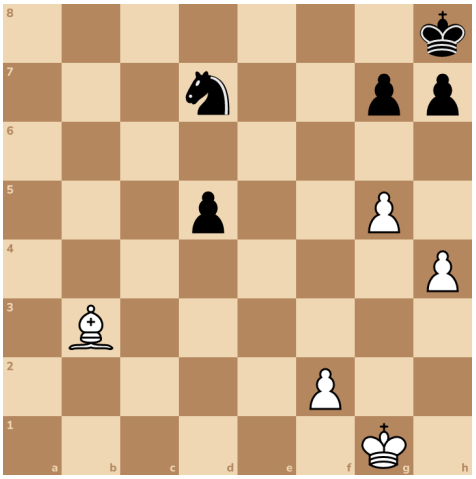
Here's a new position. You can also chase the guard away. The knight on f6 is the only guard of the pawn on d5.



Try it 7. Push a pawn to attack the knight that guards d5.



Try it 8. The knight ran away, so the pawn on d5 has no guard now. Take it!



Well done! If a piece is guarded, see if you can take the guard, or chase it away.

Answers

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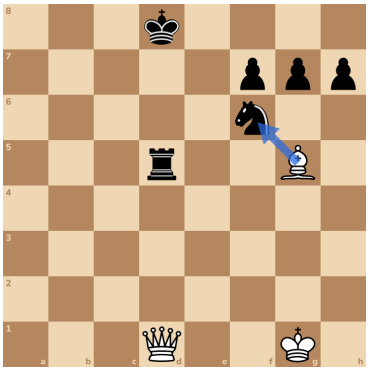
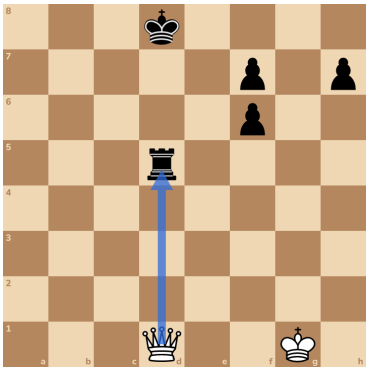
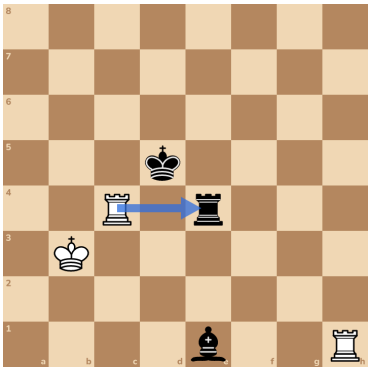


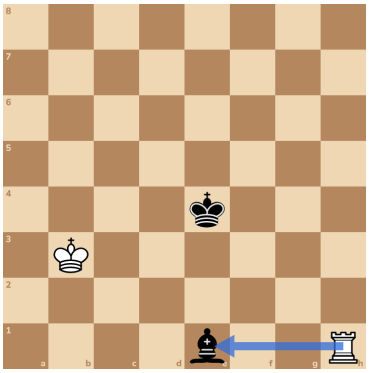
2. Qxd5+



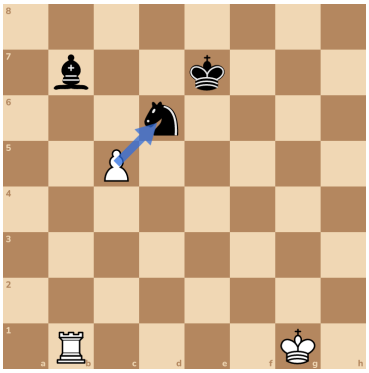
3. Rxe4



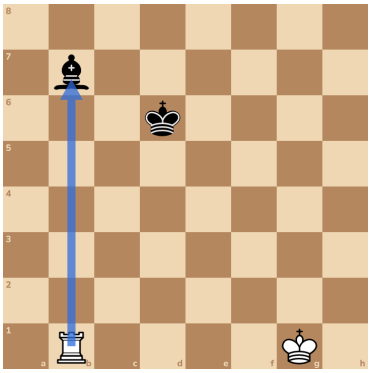
4. Rxe1+



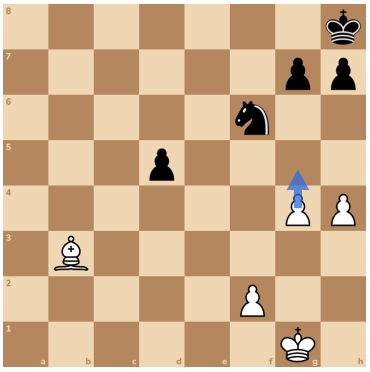
5. cxd6+



6. Rxb7



7. g5



8. Bxd5

