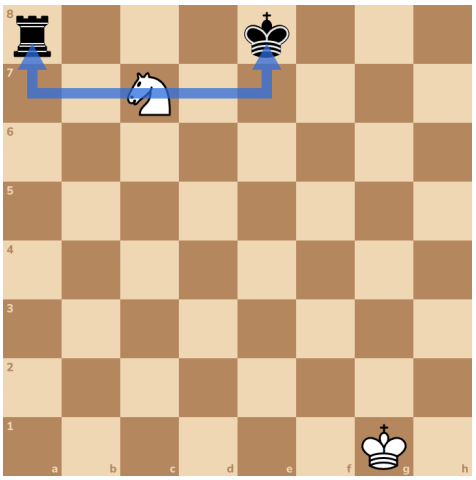
My Chess Family

What is a fork in chess?

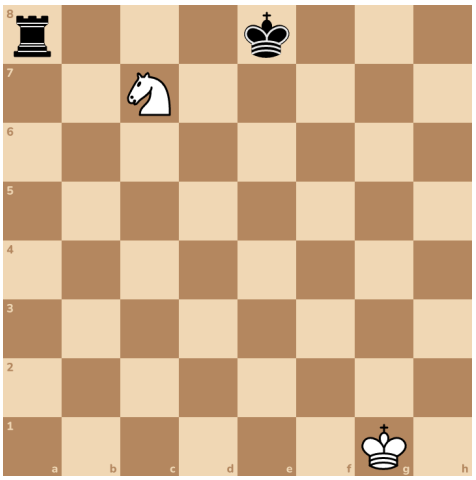
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Two at once

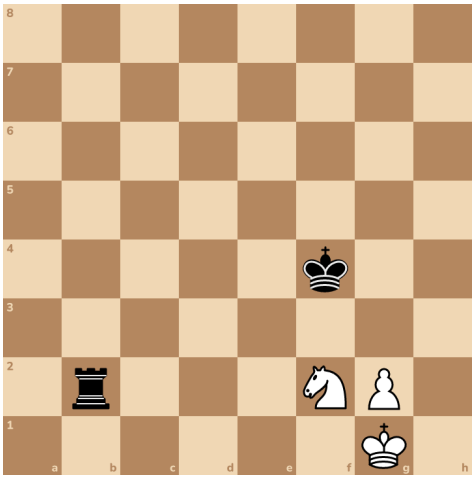
A fork is one piece attacking two things at once. The other player can only save one of them!



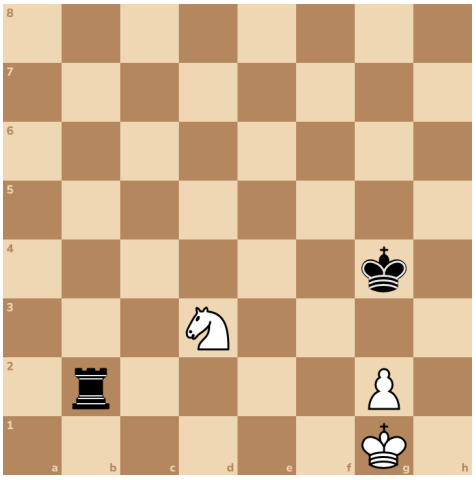
Here the knight checks the king and attacks the rook. The king must move, then the knight takes the rook.



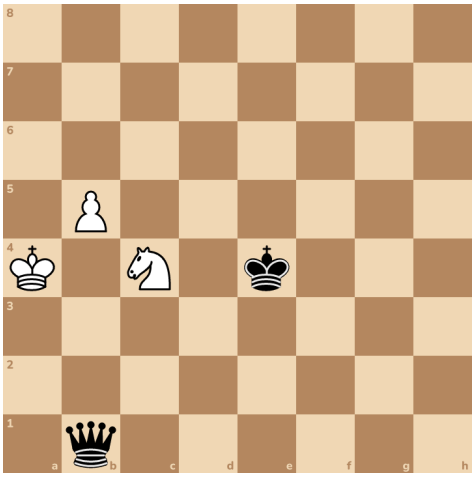
Try it 1. New position. Find a knight fork! Check the king and attack the rook.



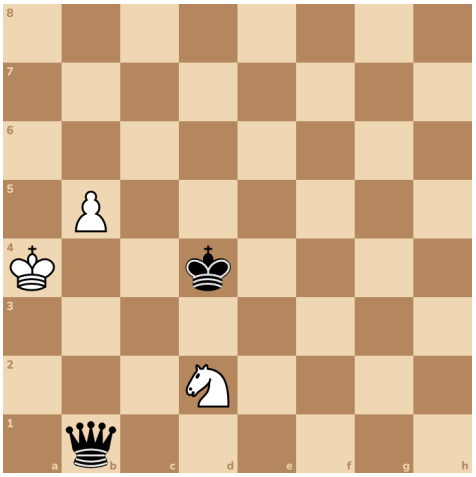
Try it 2. The king moved. Now take the rook!



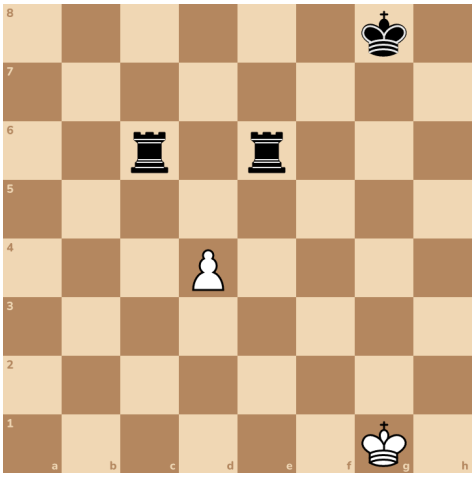
Try it 3. This time, fork the king and the queen!



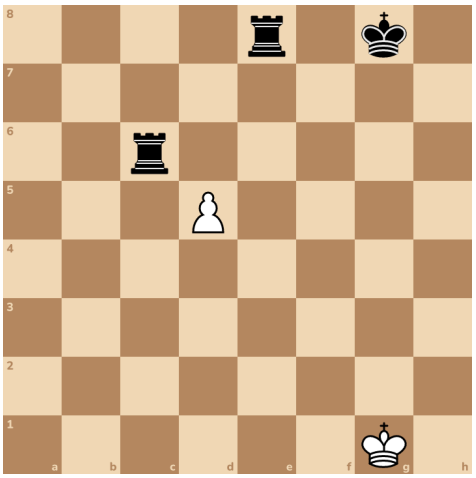
Try it 4. Take the queen!



Try it 5. Here's a new position. Pawns can fork too! Push the pawn to attack both rooks.



Try it 6. Black saved one rook. Take the other!



Brilliant! Knights are great at forks, but every piece can do it.

Answers

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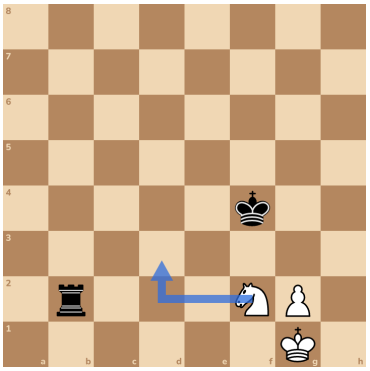
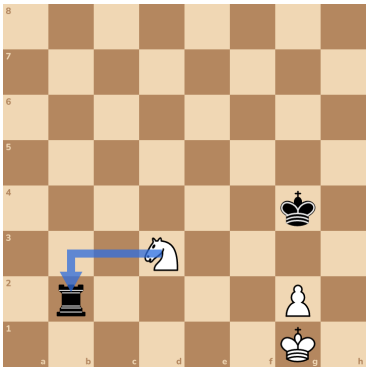


2. Nxb2



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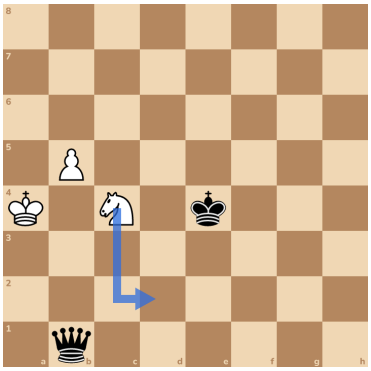
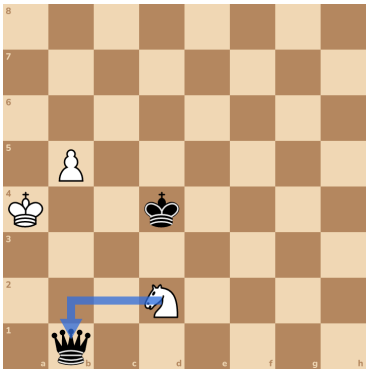
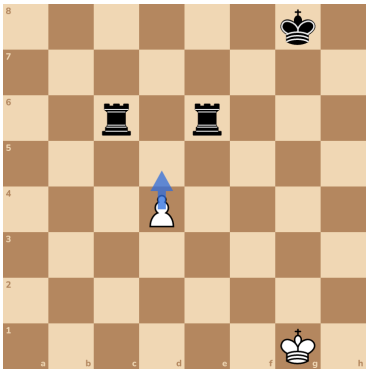


4. Nxb1



5. d5



6. dxc6

