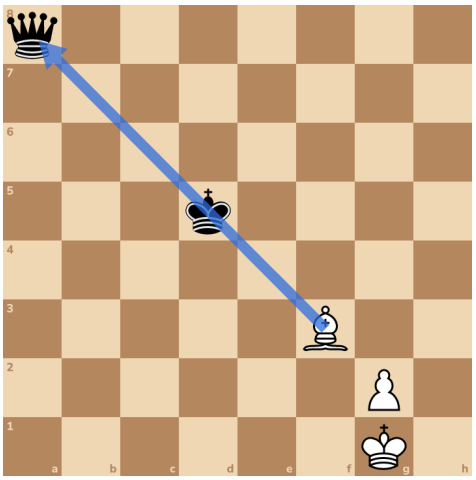
My Chess Family

What is a skewer in chess?

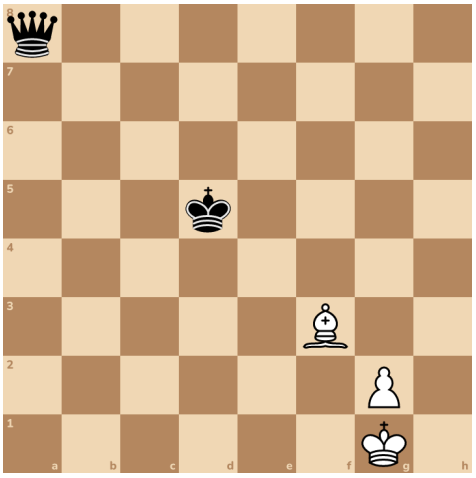
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Skewers

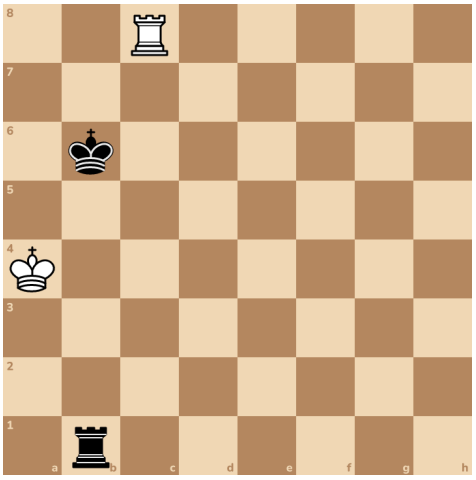
A skewer is a pin the other way round. The more important piece is in front. When it moves, you take the piece behind it.



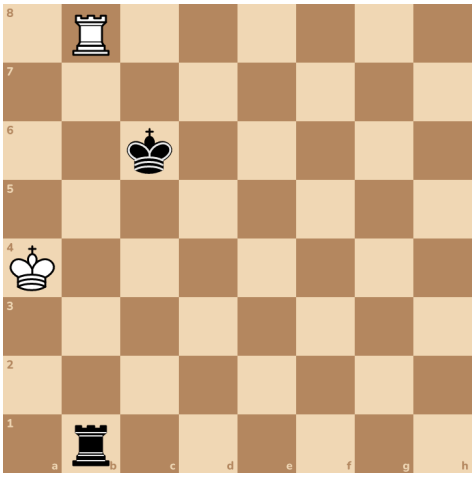
The bishop checks the king. The king must move, and then the bishop takes the queen.



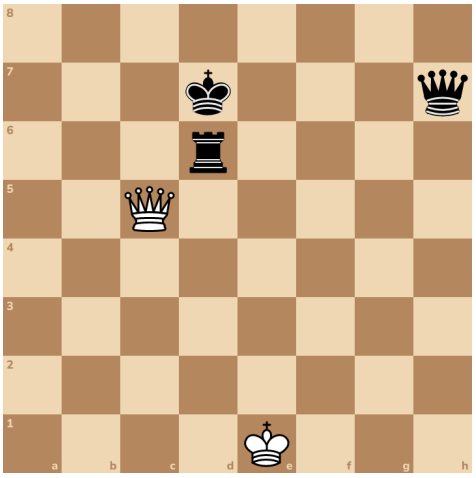
Try it 1. New position. Skewer the king and the rook!



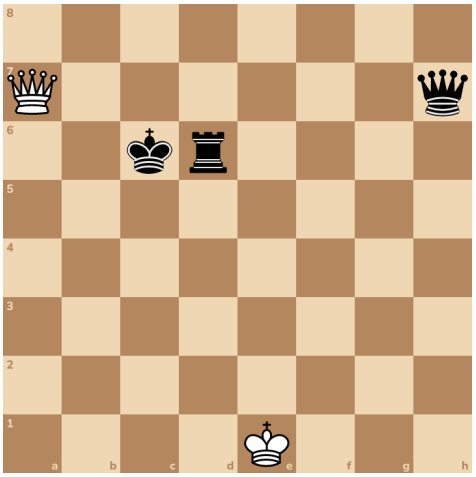
Try it 2. Now take the rook!



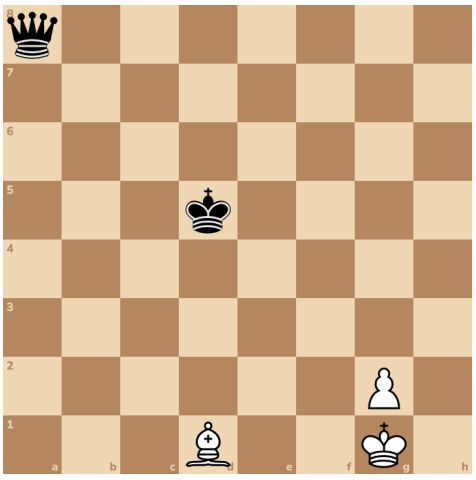
Try it 3. Here's another one. Skewer the king and the queen!



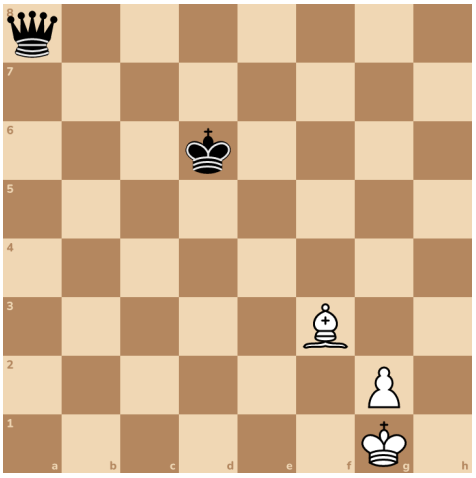
Try it 4. Take the queen!



Try it 5. Skewer with your bishop this time!



Try it 6. Take the queen!



Brilliant! Pins and skewers both use pieces on the same line.

Answers

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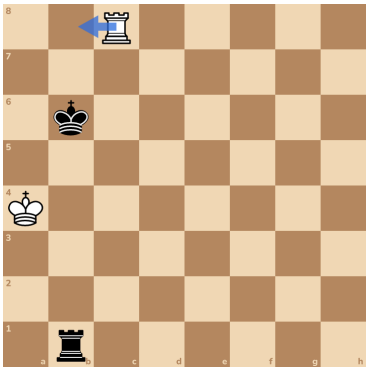
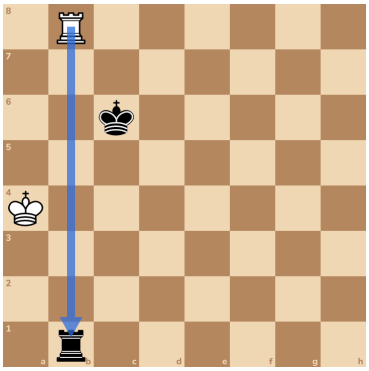
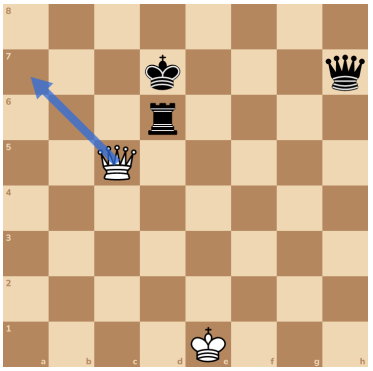


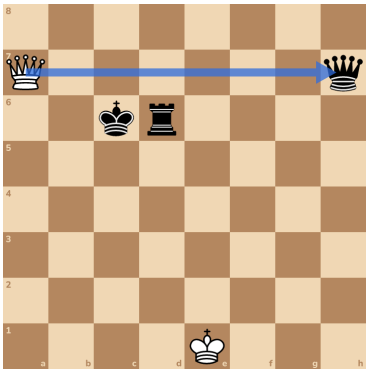
2. Rxb1



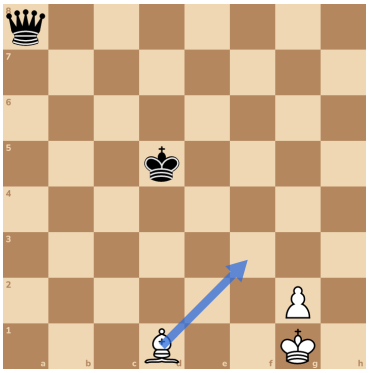
3. Qa7+



4. Qxh7



5. Bf3+



6. Bxa8

