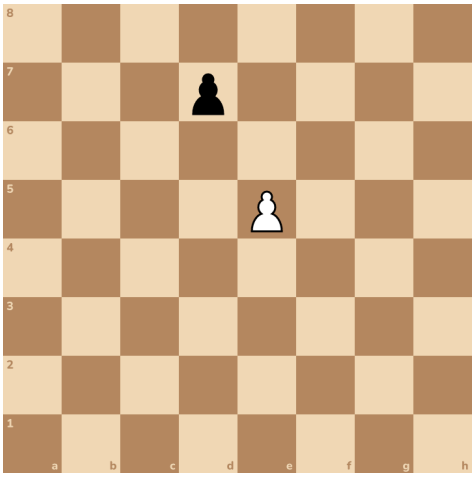
My Chess Family

What is en passant in chess?

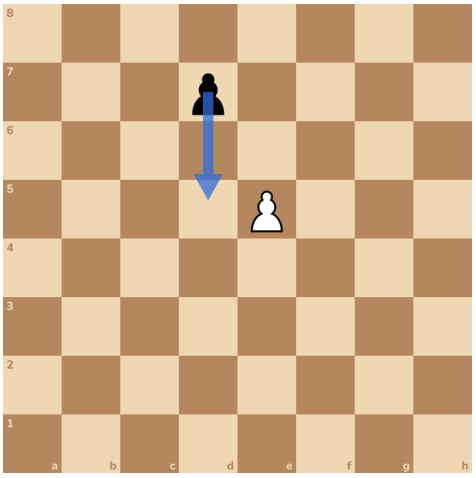
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

En passant

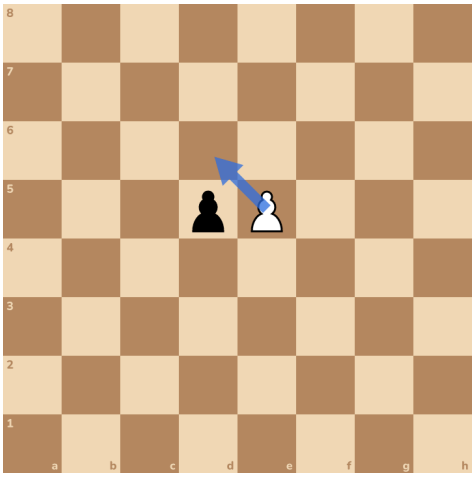
En passant is a special pawn capture. It's French for "in passing".



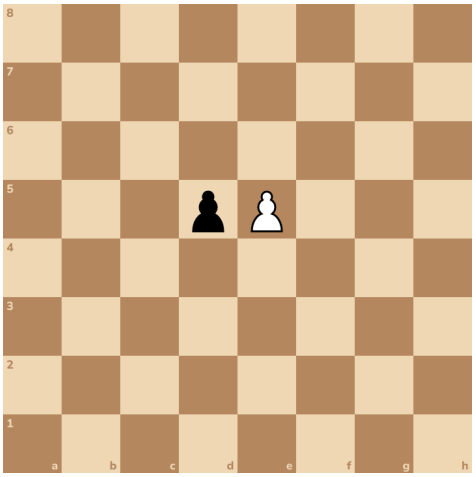
Look. The black pawn is about to rush two steps forward.



It landed right next to your pawn. Now your pawn can catch it, as if it had only moved one step!

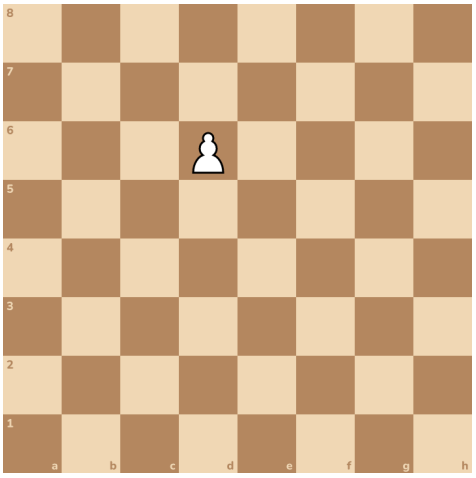


Try it 1. Capture en passant! Move your pawn to d6.

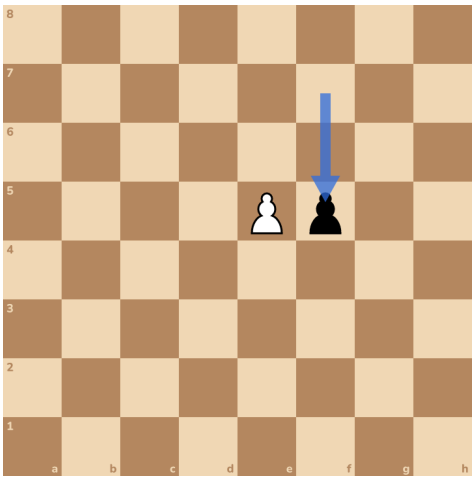


The black pawn is gone, even though you didn't land on its square!

You must do it straight away. If you wait a move, the chance is gone.

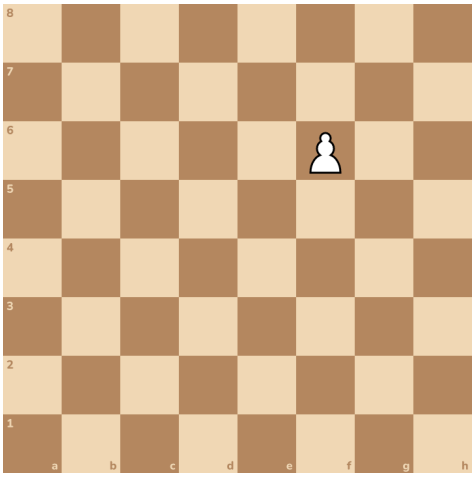


Try it 2. Here's a new position. Another pawn just rushed past yours, from f7 to f5. Catch it en passant!



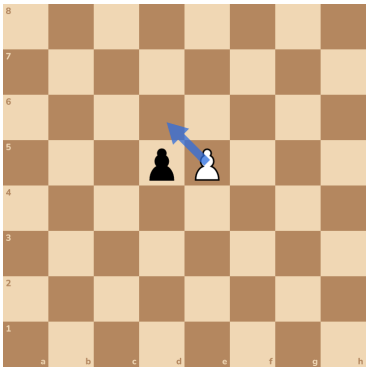
Try it 3. Which piece can capture en passant?

A:  **B:**  **C:** 

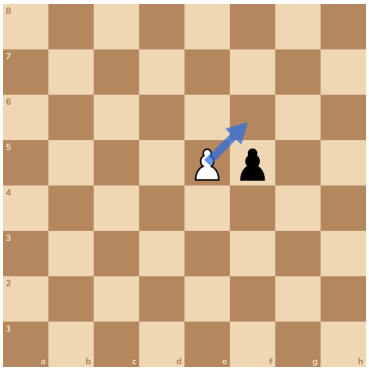


Answers

1. exd6



2. exf6



3. A: the white pawn