My Chess Family

Which chess piece can get there?

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

Which piece?

You've met all six pieces. Let's see if you remember how they move!



Try it 1. Which piece jumps in an L shape?

A:  B:  C: 

Try it 2. Which piece moves one step, any way it likes?

A:  B:  C: 

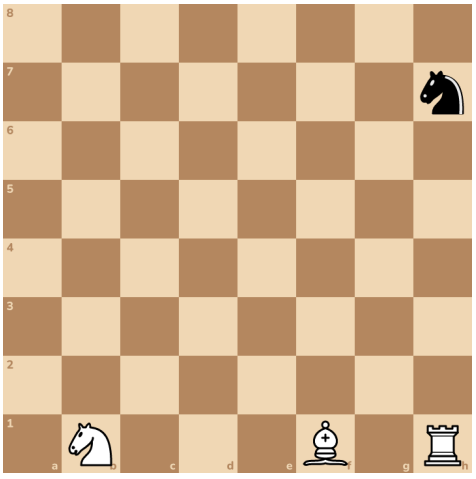
Try it 3. Which piece only moves on slanted lines?

A:  B:  C: 

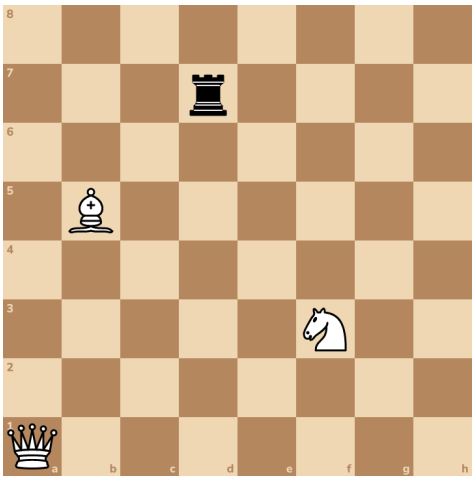
Try it 4. Which piece moves straight and slanted, as far as it likes?

A:  B:  C: 

Try it 5. New position. Which of your pieces can catch the black knight? Capture it!



Try it 6. Here's another one. Which of your pieces can catch the black rook? Capture it!

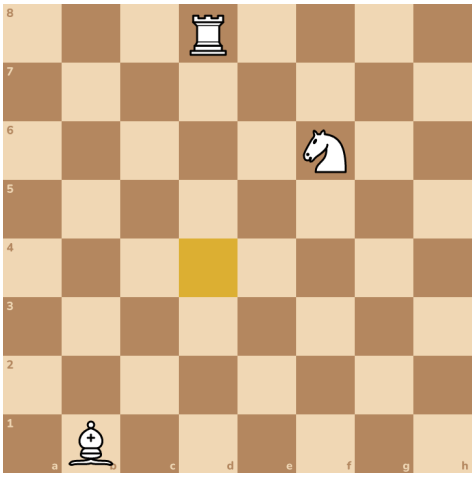


You know all your pieces!

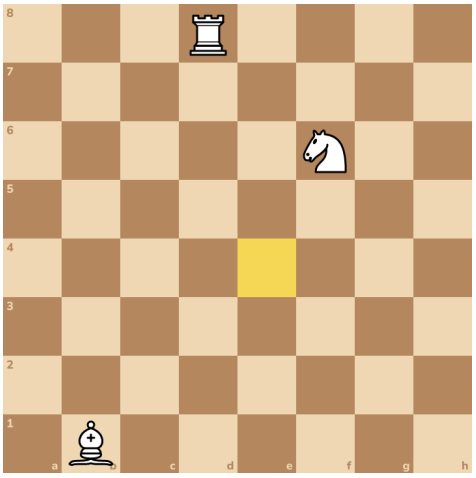
Who can get there?

Every piece moves its own way. Which of these pieces can get to the lit-up square?

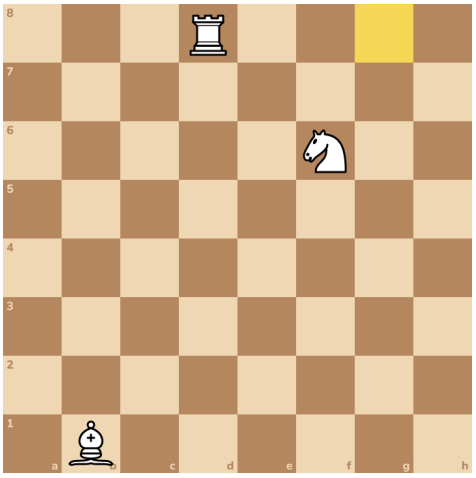
Try it 7. Point to the piece that can move to the lit-up square.



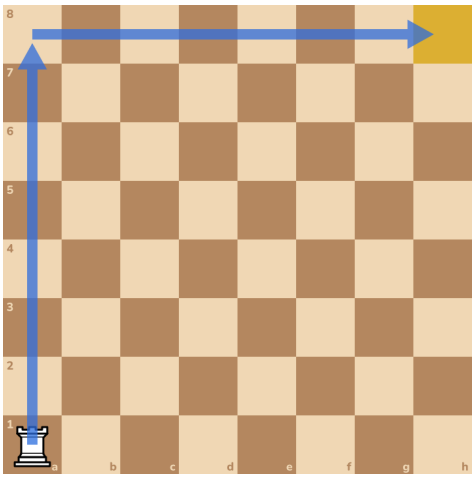
Try it 8. This time two pieces can get there. Point to them both!



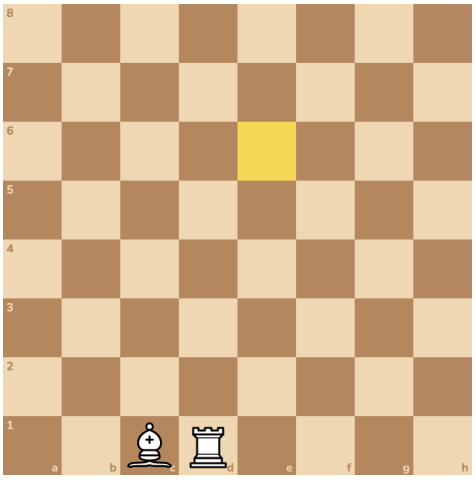
Try it 9. Point to every piece that can move to the lit-up square.



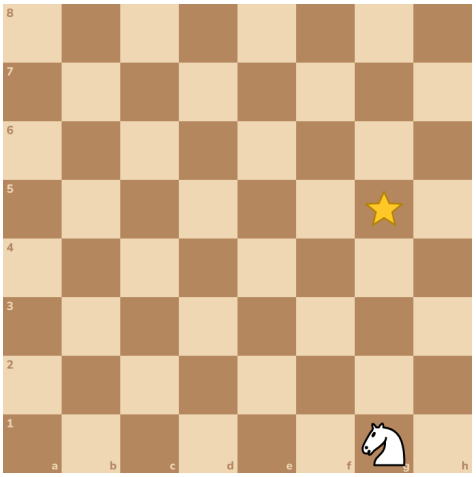
Here's a new position. Some squares take two moves. The rook can reach the lit-up square in two moves, up and then across.



Try it 10. Here's a new position. Which piece can reach the lit-up square in two moves? Point to it.



Try it 11. Now jump the knight to the star in two moves.



Try it 12. Which piece can never reach a square of the other colour?

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

Answers

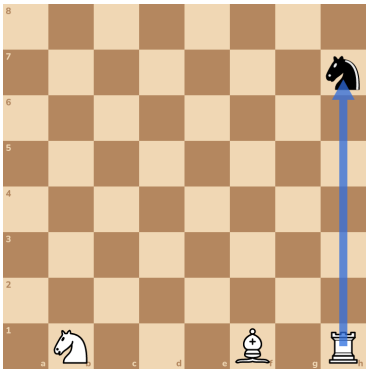
1. B: the white knight

2. A: the white king

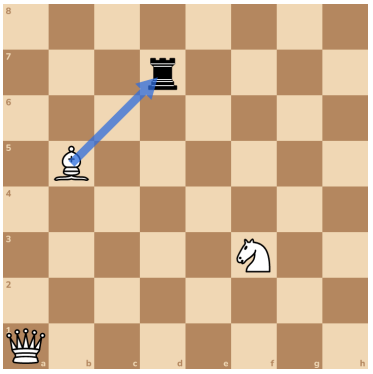
3. B: the white bishop

4. A: the white queen

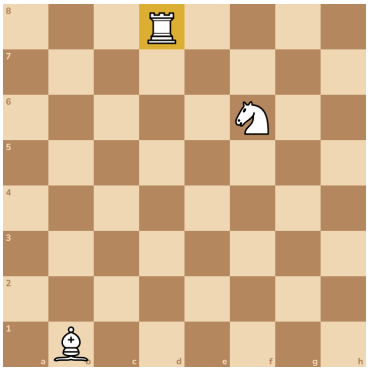
5. Rxh7



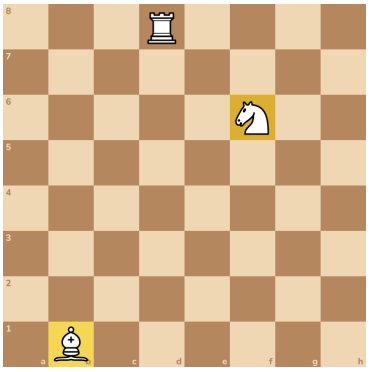
6. Bxd7



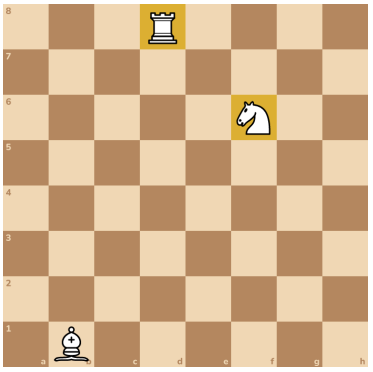
7. d8



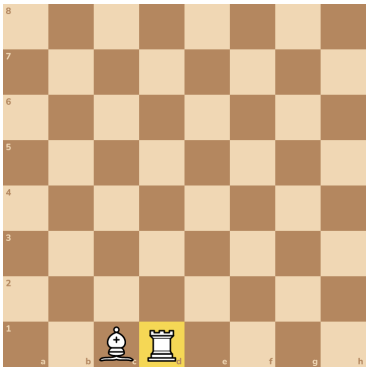
8. b1, f6



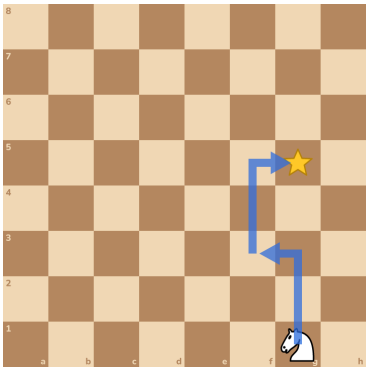
9. d8, f6



10. d1



11. 2 moves: Nf3, Ng5



12. A: the white bishop

Great spotting!