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Stop the checkmate: chess defence worksheet

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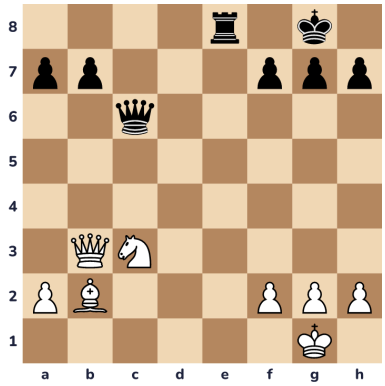
Black wants to checkmate next move. Find a move that stops it, and write it down.



1. Black wants to checkmate you next move. Stop it!

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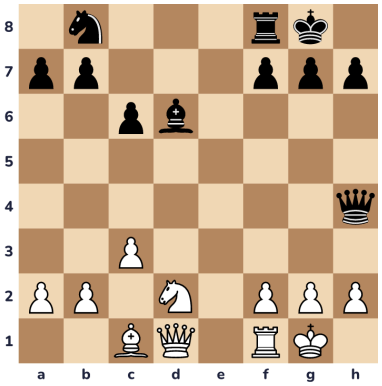

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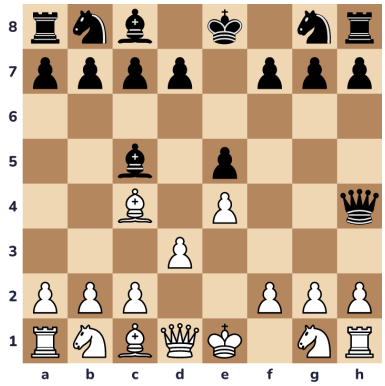

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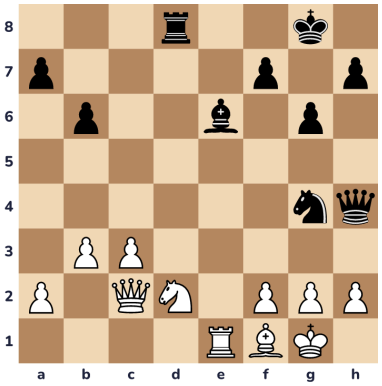

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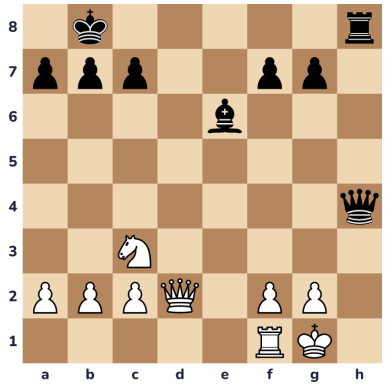

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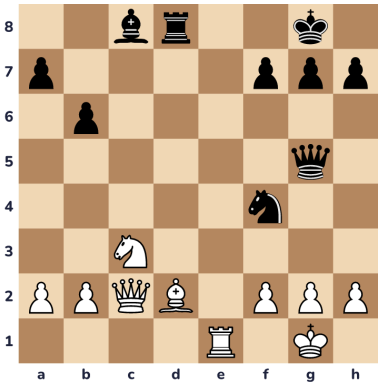

6. Black wants to checkmate you next move. Stop it!

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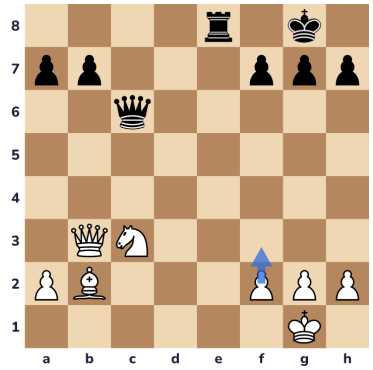
Answers

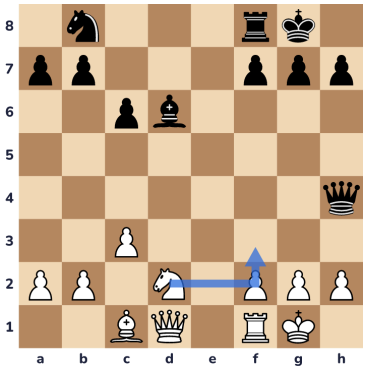
1. f3 or h4 or h3 or Kf1 or Qd1

Black's rook wants to go to e1. Give your king a square to run to, or guard e1.



2. Nf3 or g3 or h3

Black's queen wants to take on h2, and the bishop on d6 helps her.



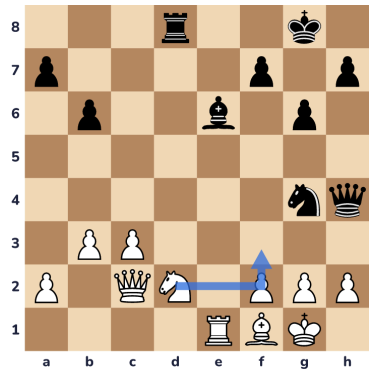
3. Qe2 or Qf3 or Qd2 or Nh3 or g3

Black's queen wants to take on f2, and the bishop on c5 helps her. Guard f2!



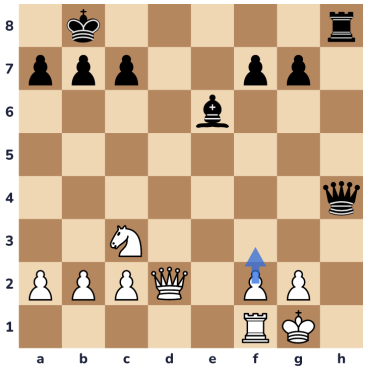
4. Nf3

Black's queen wants to take on h2, and the knight on g4 helps her. Bring a piece to guard h2. Watch out for f2 too!



5. f3 or f4

Black's queen wants to go to h1 or h2, and the rook on h8 helps her. Give your king a square to run to.



6. Bxf4

Black's queen wants to take on g2, and the knight on f4 helps her. Can you take the knight?

