

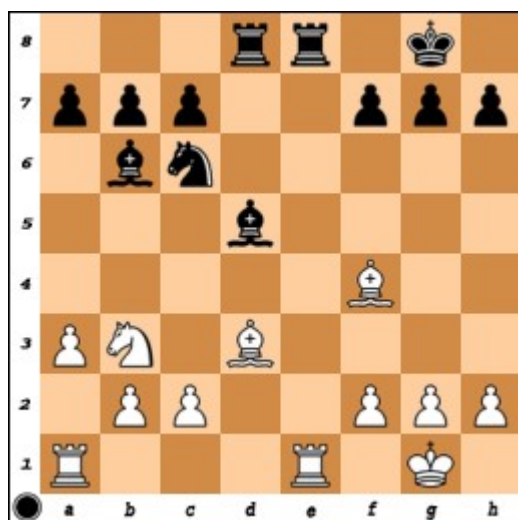
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## Spot the move

Here are eight puzzles to sharpen your tactical awareness.

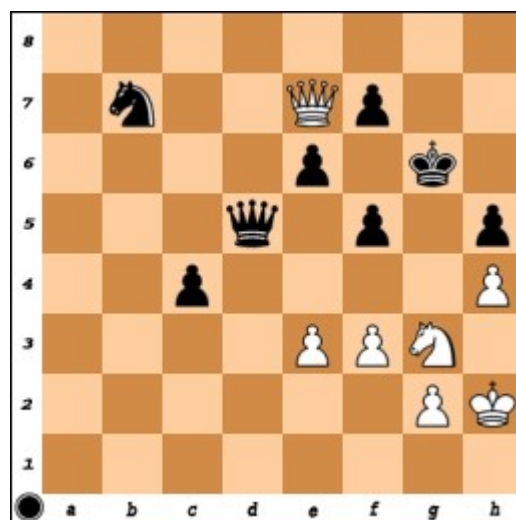
### 1 Black to play and win a piece.

One try is 1 ... Bxb3 2 cxb3 Rxd3 but this fails to 3 Rxe8 mate. 1 ... Rxe1+ 2 Rxe1 Bxb3 3 cxb3 Rxd3 also allows Re8 mate

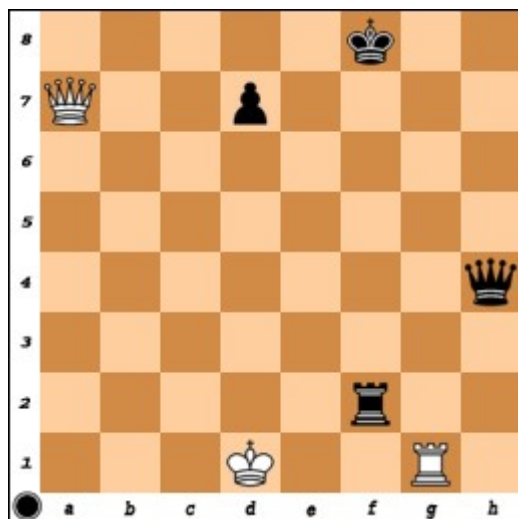


### 2 Can black stop white from checking on g5?

White threatens to keep checking the black king starting with Qg5+. How can black prevent this?



### 3 Can black deliver checkmate before allowing the white queen to check?



### 4 Black to play and win. Black wants to play Qxf3+ but it is defended by the knight.



## Solutions:

1 1 ... Rxe1+ 2 Rxe1 Bxb3 3 cxb3 g5 4 Bxg5 Rxd3 wins a piece. 3 ... g5 attacks the white bishop and gives the king an escape square on g7.

3 1 ... Qh5+ 2 Kc1 Qh6+ 3 Kb1 Qh7+ 4 Ka1 Qh8+ 5 Kb1 Qb2 mate. If 2 Ke1 Qe2 mate.

2 1 ... Qd8 2 Qxb7 Qxh4+ 3 Kg1 Qxg3. 2 Qxb7 looks like it wins a piece but black wins it back with 3 ... Qxg3.

4 1 ... Bh3+ 2 Nxh3 Qxf3+ 3 Kf1 Nxh3+ 4 Ke1 Qh1 mate. 1 ... Bh3+ deflects the white knight from defending f3 and allows the queen in.

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## 5 White to play and win.

White has a big sacrifice that leads to checkmate.



## 7 White to play and win

White has two bishops and queen and a rook all pointing towards the black king. Perfect for a spectacular attack.



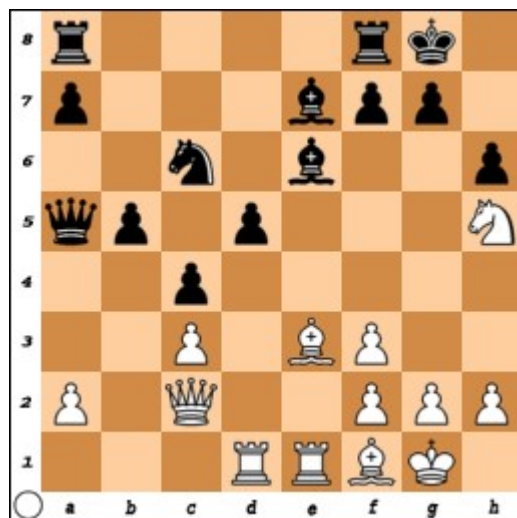
## Solutions

**5** 1 Qxh7+ Kxh7 2 Rh3+ Kg7 3 Bh6+ Kg7 4 Bf8 mate.

**7** 1 Qxf6 gxf6 2 Rdg1+ Bg6 3 Rxg6 hxg6 4 Bxf6 and black cannot stop Rh8 mate.

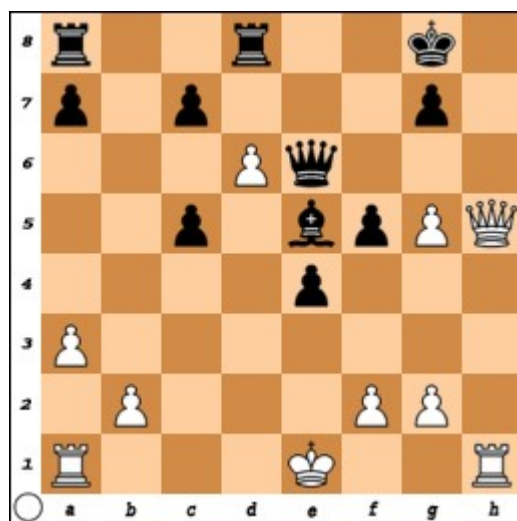
## 6 White to play and win

White has a queen, bishop and knight all attacking the black king.



## 8 White to play and win

1 Qh8+ is tempting but the black king can run away to f7. Can white prevent the king from running away?



**6** 1 Bxh6 gxh6 2 Rxe6 fxe6 3 Qg6+ Kh8 4 Qg7 mate. 1 Bxh6 destroys black's pawn defences and lets the white rook join in the attack.

**8** 1 g6 Kf8 2 Qxf5+ Qxf5 3 Rh8 mate. 1 g6 stops the king running away to f7. If 2 Qh8+ black can defend with Qg8