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CHESS CHALLENGE

**Activity Booklet**  
Saturday 02/01/2021



# Introduction

The UKCC weekly activity booklet will be sent out every Saturday morning and contains chess puzzles and activities for a range of ability levels.

Players are encouraged to at least try and complete the page most relevant to their ability level (see table below). However you are welcome to tackle the entire booklet! At the end of the booklet there are some more general puzzles / activities for everyone to enjoy

## Solutions

Solutions will be posted alongside the following weeks activity booklet and there will also be a video solution guide.

Please email us any feedback or ideas for future puzzles!

## Ability Levels

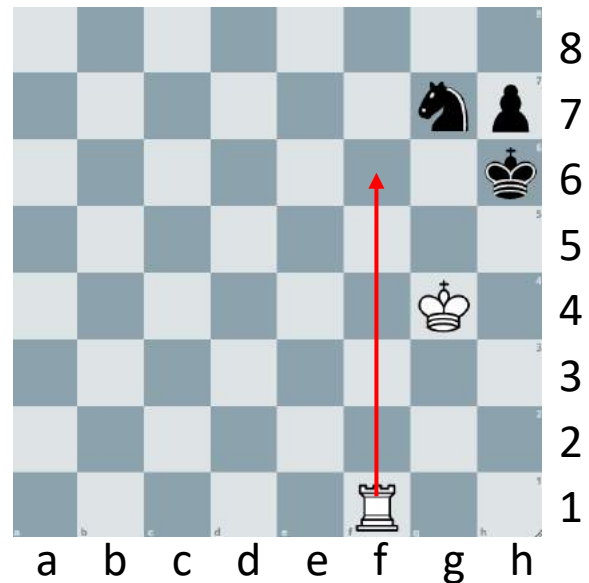
| Club        | Description  | Approximate ECF Grade * |
|-------------|--|-------------------------|
| DECA – Club | Complete beginners and those with an incomplete grasp of the rules   | Ungraded                |
| MEGA – Club | Know the rules but little grasp of planning what to do beyond capturing and quick checkmates. Little to no tournament experience | 0 – 59                  |
| GIGA – Club | Players with some tournament experience looking to “level up”  | 60 – 99                 |
| TERA – Club | More experienced players who have won or placed highly in local competitions   | 100 – 129               |
| EXA - Club  | Very experienced players with success at National Level events   | 130 – 159               |

# Example

Below are examples of how you might write your solution to a puzzle presented in the booklet. Or you might prefer to just solve them in your head – completely up to you!

**Q: Can you find checkmate in one for white?**

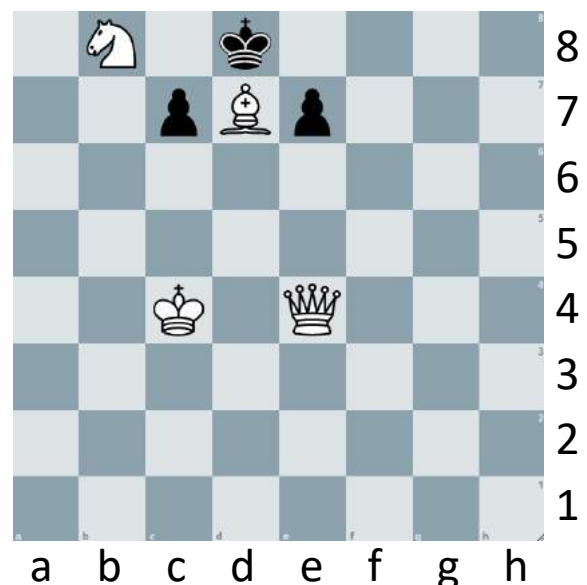
Here, because the solution is only one move, you might draw arrows on the board or you can use the lines below to answer – or both!



Rf6#  
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**Q: Can you find checkmate in two for white?**

Here, the solution is a bit (OK a lot!) trickier and requires consideration of multiple variations. If you are familiar with coordinates, it is probably best that you write your answer out as shown.



1.Qe1 e6 (1..c6 2.Qa5#) 2. Qh4#  
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# Deca

In the positions below the white army is not quite lined up properly. What is the least number of moves you would need to get the pieces back to their correct positions?

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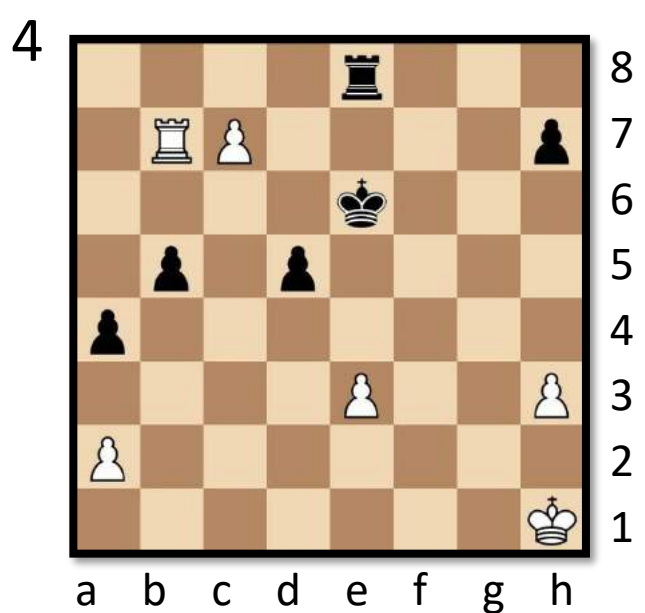
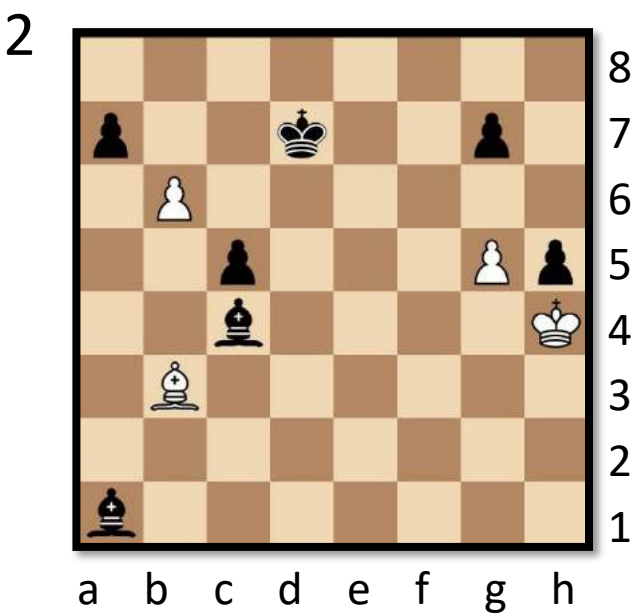
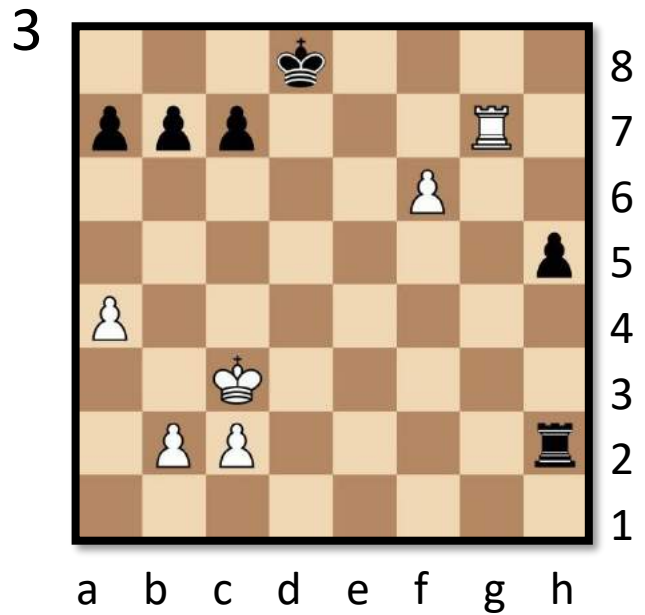
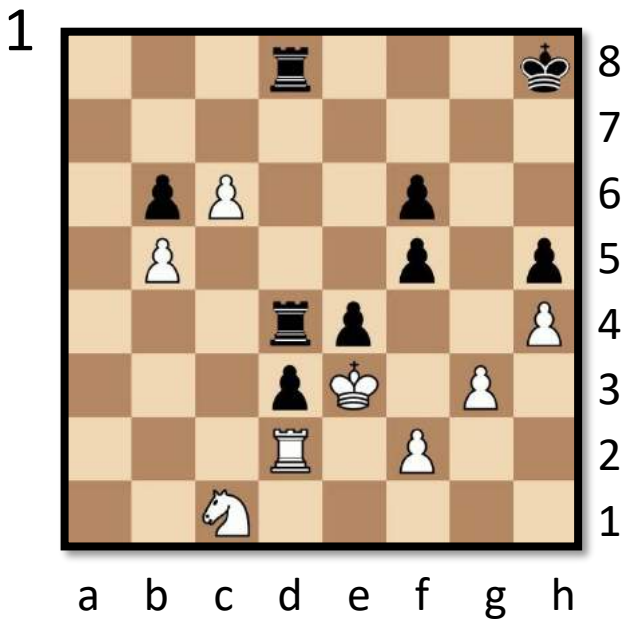
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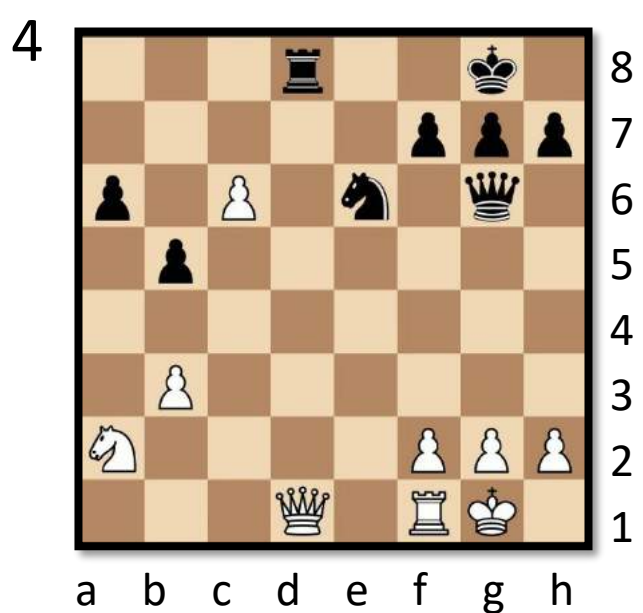
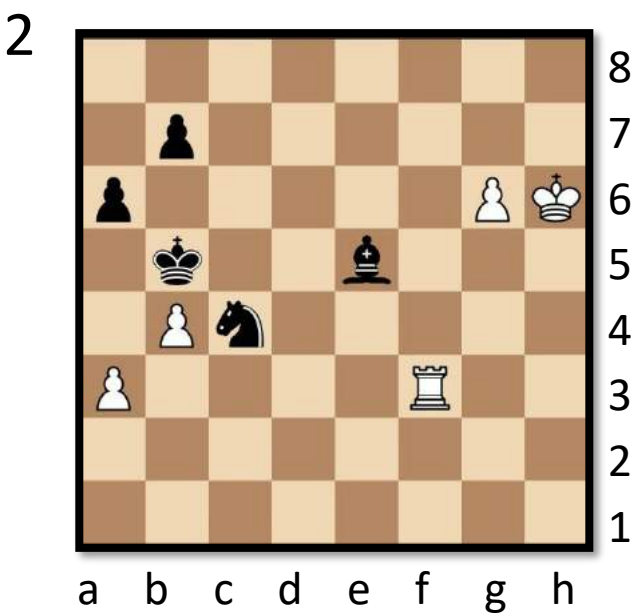
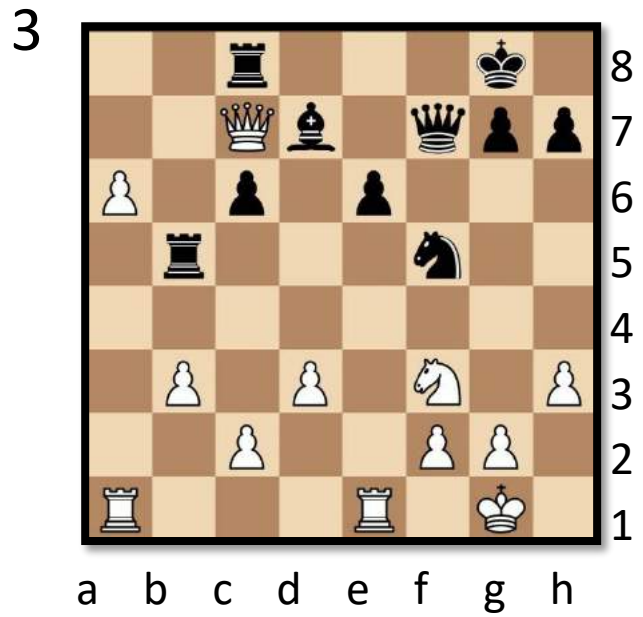
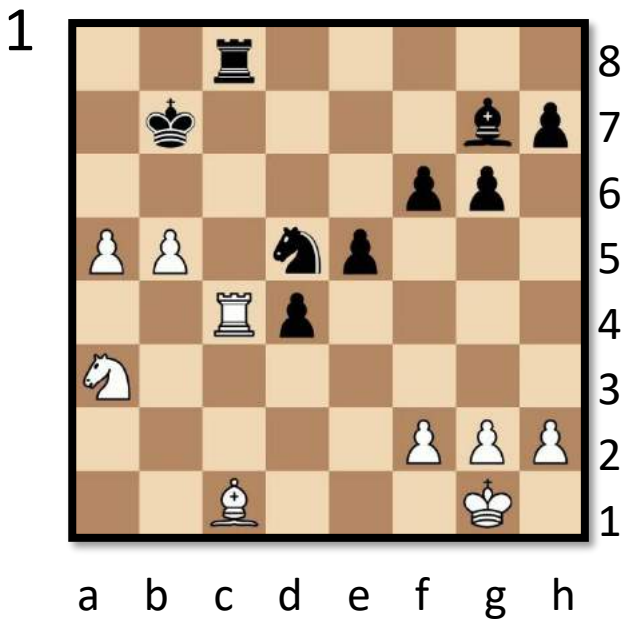
# Mega

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# Giga

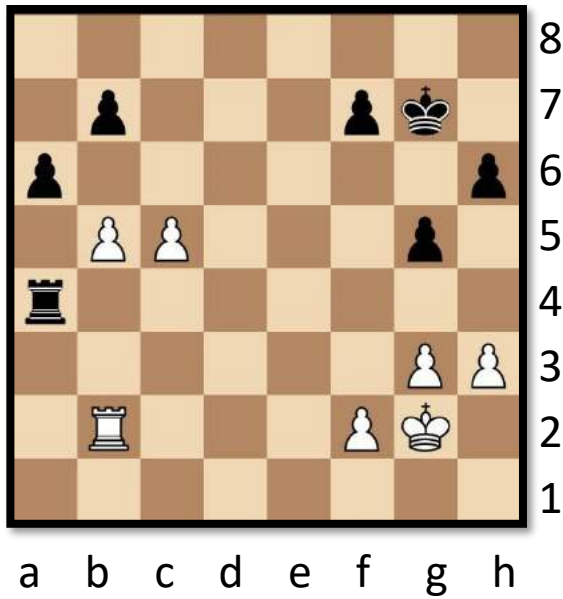
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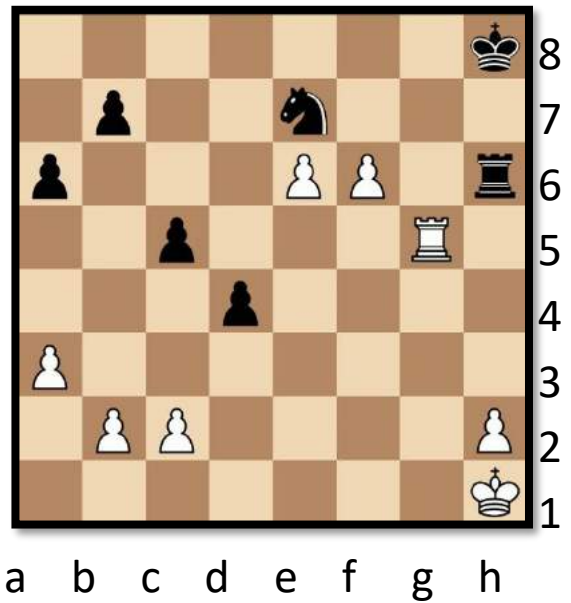
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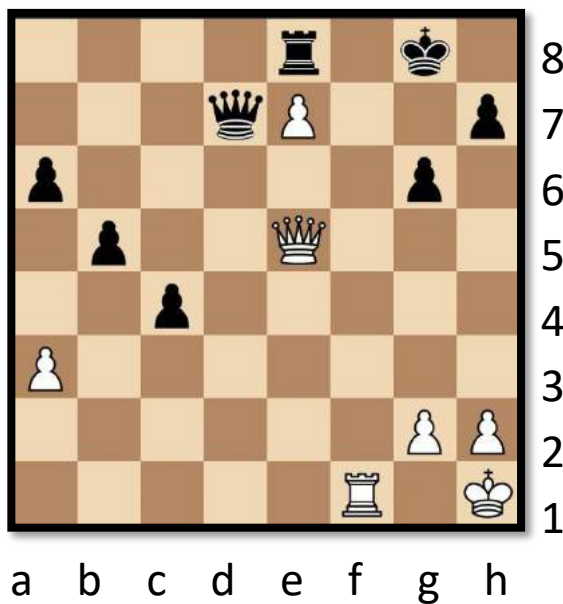
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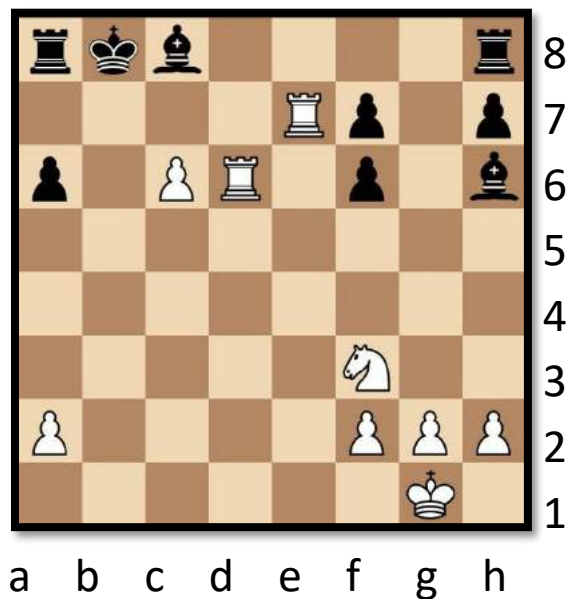
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# Exa

In each diagram it is white to move. Find the best move in the position and write down the key variations. Some of these are very tricky!

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a b c d e f g h

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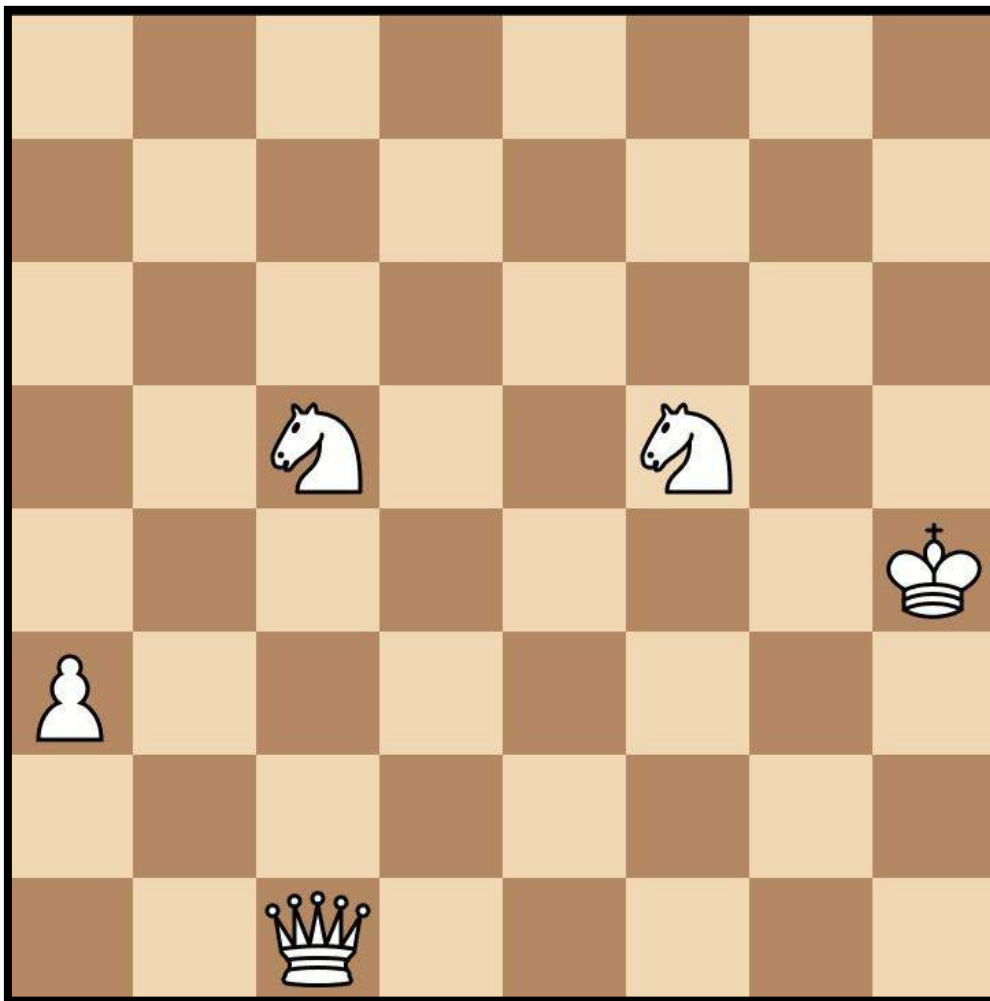


# Fun Puzzles

Over the next couple of pages you will find some more casual puzzles with a range of difficulty levels!



## Triple Loyd - Medium

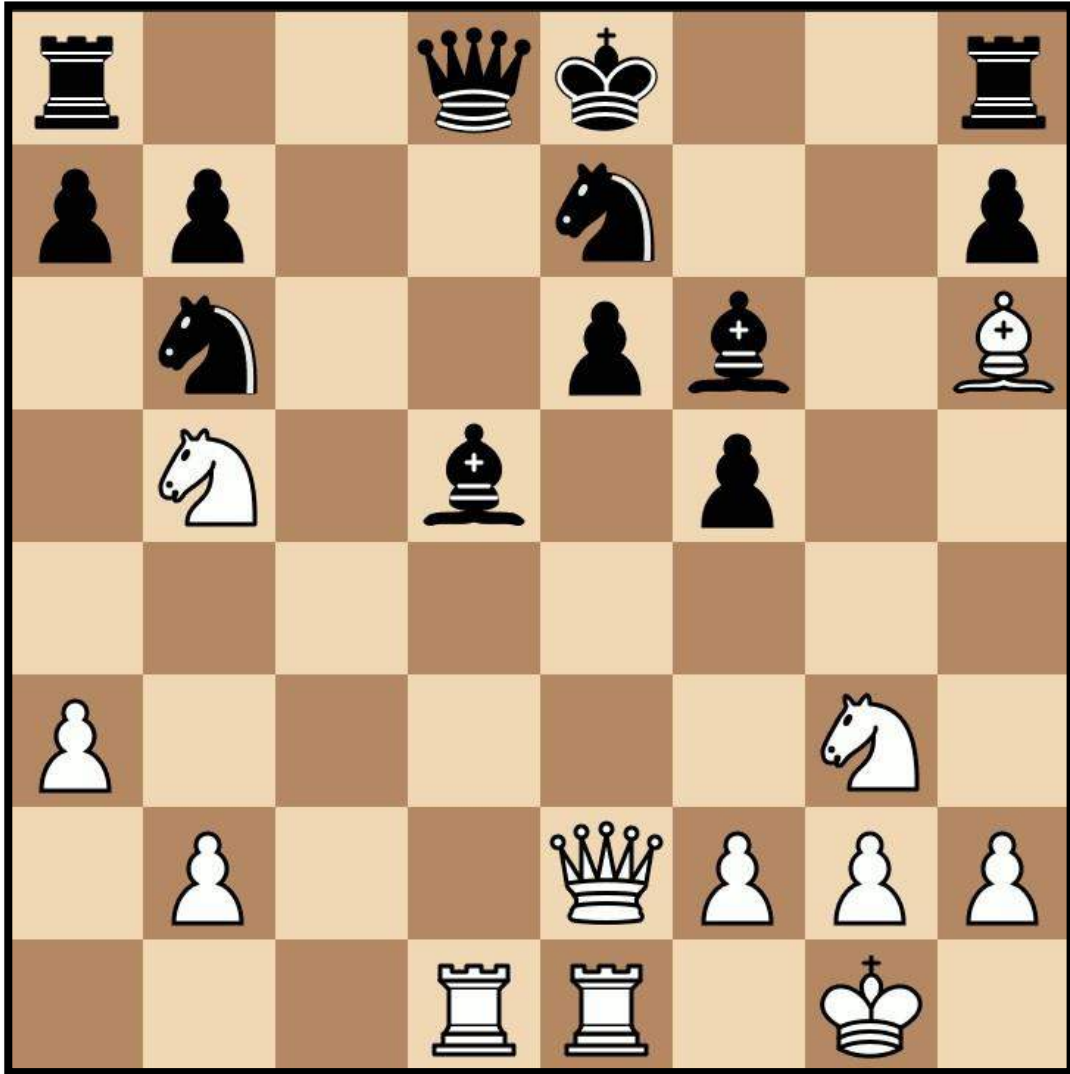


In a “Triple Loyd” puzzle you will notice the black king is missing from the board. You have to place the black king in 3 different positions.

- 1) In the first position the black king is in checkmate
- 2) In the second position the black king is in stalemate
- 3) In the third position white can deliver checkmate in one move (and write down this move)!

# Helpmate

Difficulty: Medium



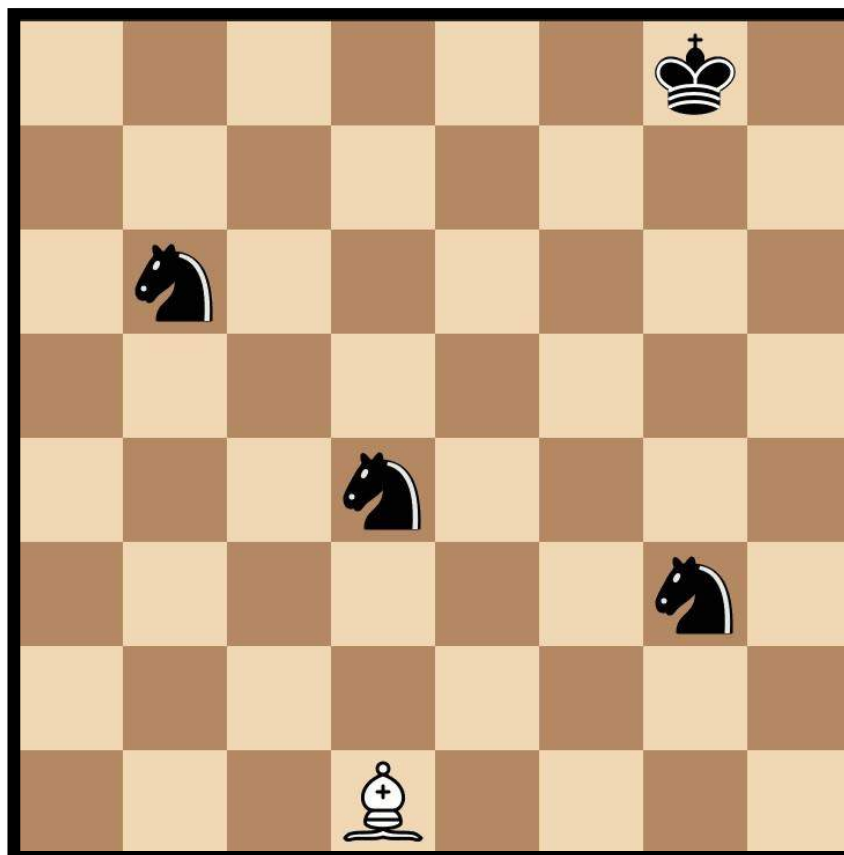
This puzzle is known as a 'helpmate'. **Black** has to make the worst possible move, helping white to deliver checkmate on his next move!

So where will black move, and what will be white's reply?

# Bishop Maze

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WEEK

Difficulty: Medium



In this maze white has to move the bishop consecutively until it captures the black king. It is not allowed to capture any black pieces and cannot move to squares that are attacked by black pieces. **The bishop can capture the king in 9 moves** – can you find your way through the maze?

**Submit your solution for a chance to win a prize!**

Submit your answer via the form below:

<https://airtable.com/shrVsrBdsSWPRRDVK>

Correct answers will have a shot of winning a prize! Previous prizes include merchandise and invitations to master challenge matches

# Take a look at...



**Online Spring Chess Clubs**

From January 2021 the UK Chess Challenge are continuing CLUB – a family membership where players get access to weekly online competitions and lessons which are banded into five ability levels. There are three membership types so you can choose the features and budget that is right for you. The start date is the 11th January.

We are passionate about giving children the opportunity to “Learn, Practise and Play” and our clubs have all three of these elements in abundance mixed in of course with that vital ingredient – fun!



Check out our weekly Zoom lessons with WFM Sarah Longson on our website using the link below! We run classes every weekday for each ability level as well as tournaments weekdays and weekends!

<https://www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com/spring-term>

If you enjoyed solving the tactics puzzles today you might enjoy WFM Sarah Longson and GM Danny King’s Chessable course on **Endgames!**

You can find out more online or using the link below.

<https://www.chessable.com/tournament-ready-the-endgame/course/33413/>


## Contact Us

Any questions, comments or ideas about anything chess related we’d love to hear from you!

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