



Chess worksheet: Mate in 1

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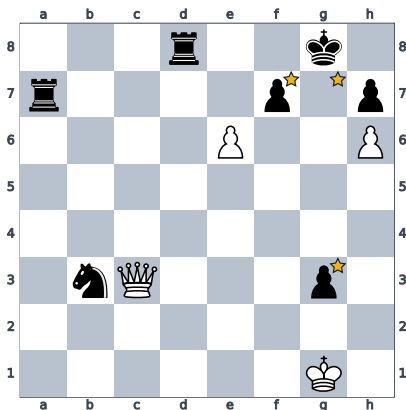
Write the move (for example ♔f3 or Nf3) or draw an arrow on the board. The board always faces the side to move.

Yellow square: the piece to move (the "glowing piece" in the question). · Stars: squares you could move to; only one is right. · Letters A, B, C on squares: the options to choose from. · Arrow: the last move, or a move the question gives you. · Red square: a piece under attack. · Blue square: a piece or square to watch.

Level 1

1

White to move

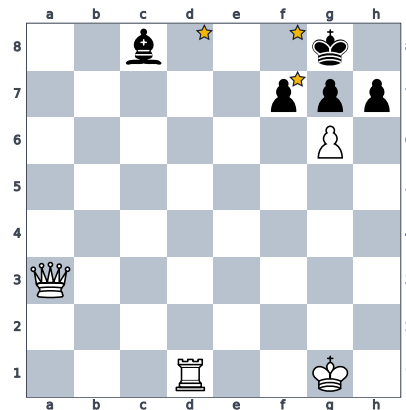


There are three stars; only one is checkmate. A queen next to the black king needs a friend protecting her.

Move: _____

2

White to move

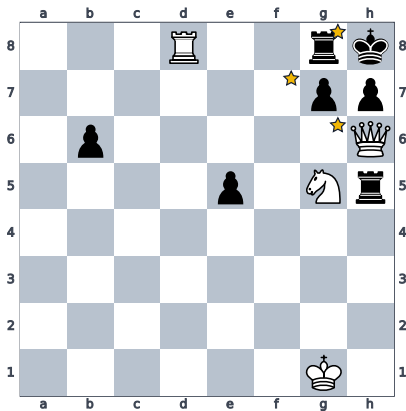


There are three stars; only one is checkmate. The black king is blocked by its own pawns.

Move: _____

3

White to move

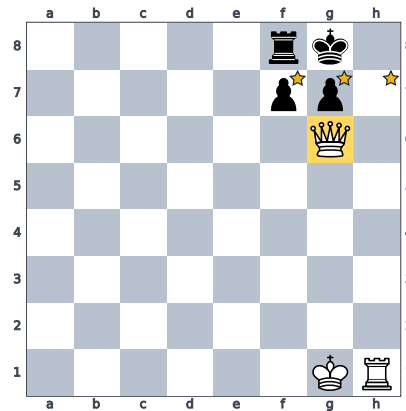


There are three stars; only one is checkmate. The black king is boxed in the corner by its own pieces.

Move: _____

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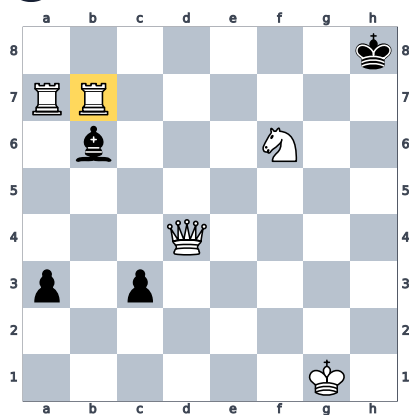
White to move



There are three stars; only one is checkmate. The white rook on the h-file is ready to protect the queen.

Move: _____

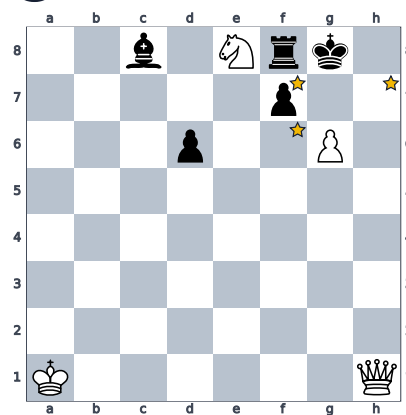
5 White to move



Let the glowing piece checkmate the black king!

Move: _____

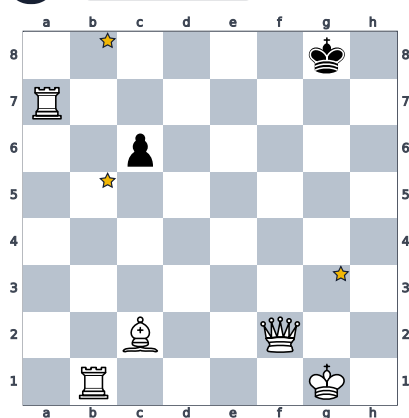
6 White to move



There are three stars; only one is checkmate. The white pawn on g6 stands next to the black king, ready to protect the queen.

Move: _____

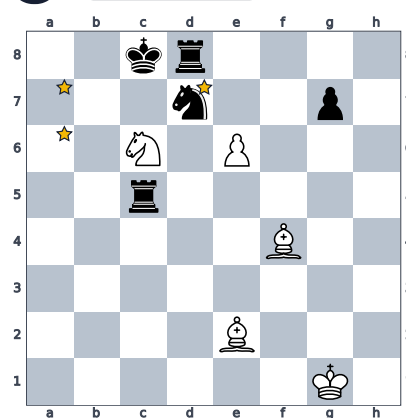
7 White to move



There are three stars; only one is checkmate. One rook already blocks rank 7, and the other is ready to give check.

Move: _____

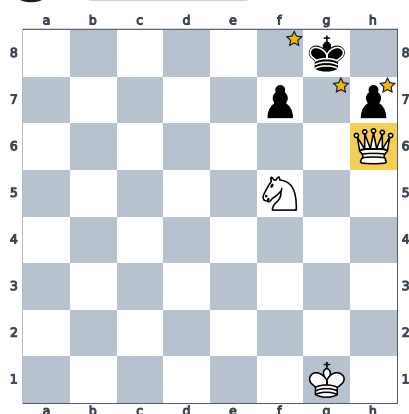
8 White to move



There are three stars; only one is checkmate. Two white bishops stand on two crossing diagonals.

Move: _____

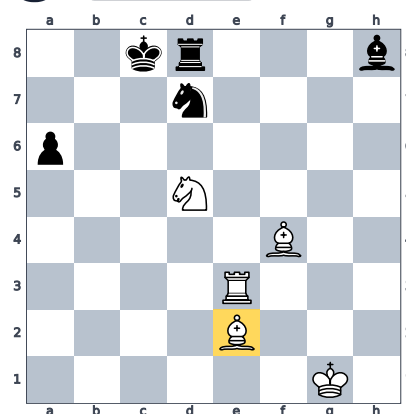
9 White to move



There are three stars; only one is checkmate. The white knight on f5 is ready to protect the queen.

Move: _____

10 White to move

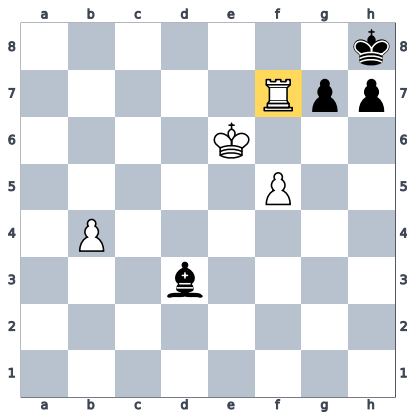


Let the glowing piece checkmate the black king!

Move: _____

Level 2

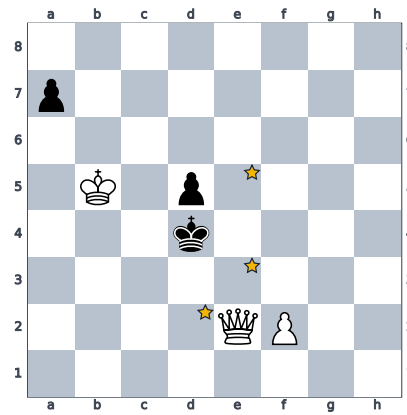
11 White to move



The glowing piece can go to the back row and checkmate. Find the square!

Move: _____

12 White to move



There are three stars. Where can the queen stand right next to the black king and be protected by a white piece? Pick one!

Move: _____

Answers and explanations: Mate in 1

1. ♖g7# · Level 1

Why: That's the queen's kiss pattern.

2. ♜d8# · Level 1

Why: That's the back-rank mate.

3. ♞f7# · Level 1

Why: That's the smothered mate.

4. ♖h7# · Level 1

Why: That's the pattern: queen up close, backed by the rook.

5. ♜h7# · Level 1

Why: That's the Arabian pattern.

6. ♖h7# · Level 1

Why: That's the Damiano pattern.

7. ♜b8# · Level 1

Why: That's the two-rook ladder.

8. ♞a6# · Level 1

Why: That's the Boden pattern.

9. ♖g7# · Level 1

Why: That's the queen-and-knight pattern.

10. ♞xa6# · Level 1

Why: That's the Boden pattern.

11. ♜f8# · Level 2

Why: The black king has nowhere to run.

12. ♖e3# · Level 2

Why: The black king has nowhere to run.
