

12. Defending

Defending is an act of saving a pawn or piece from the opponent's attack.

There are 4 types of defending

1. Capturing the attacker

It's a position in which the opponent's attacking piece can be captured by the attacked piece or any other piece.

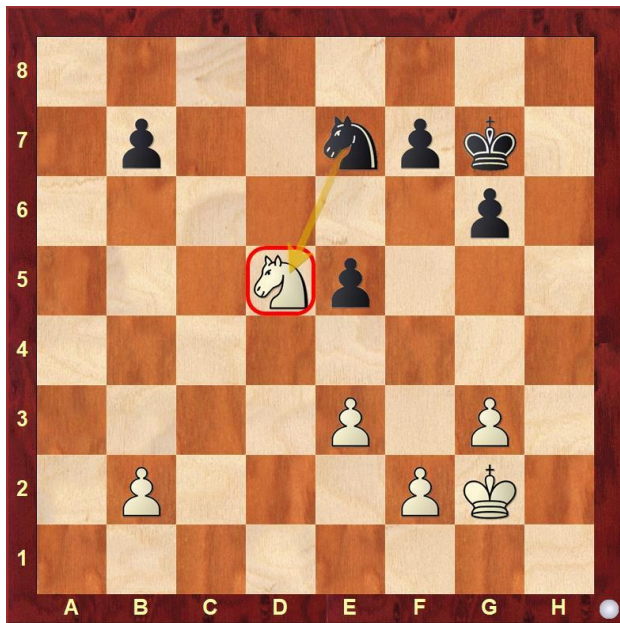


Diagram 12.1

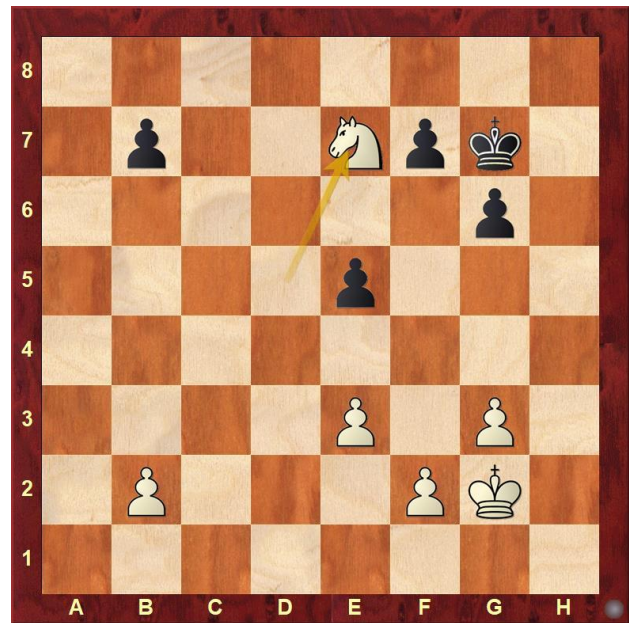


Diagram 12.2

In the diagram 12.1, we can observe that the Black Knight on e7 was attacking the White Knight on d5. Later, in diagram 12.2 the white knight saved itself by capturing the attacker (knight on e7).

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2. Blocking

It's a position in which the attacked piece can be defended by putting another pawn or piece between the attacked piece and the attacker. Basically, another piece or pawn blocks the attacker's way. The exception would only be knight; it can't be blocked, because it can jump over the blocked piece.

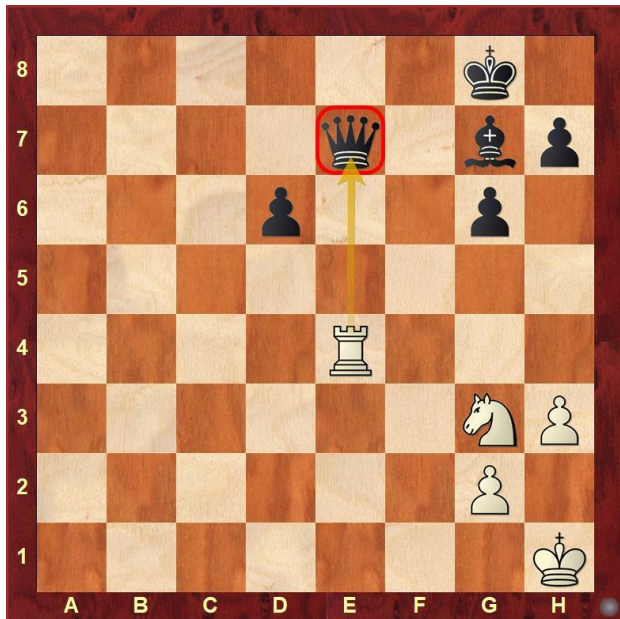


Diagram 12.3

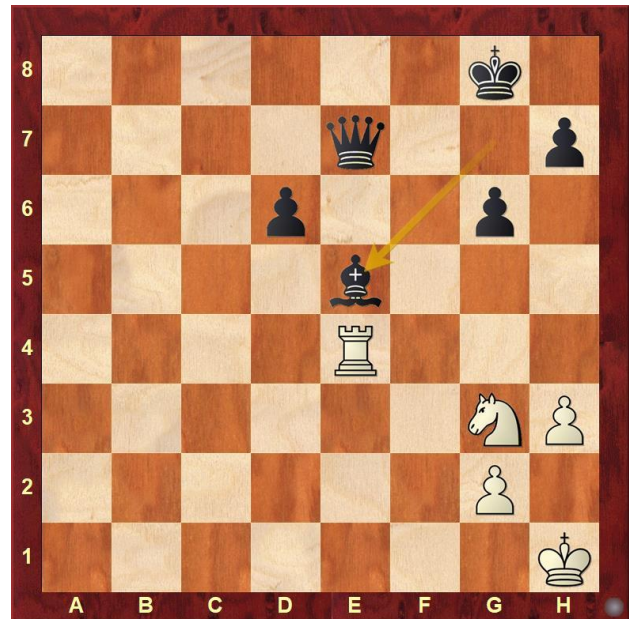


Diagram 12.4

In diagram 12.3, the white rook is attacking black queen on e7. Here, black chooses blocking option to save the queen. In diagram 12.4, Black bishop is moved to e5 to block rook's attack and save the queen.

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3. Moving Away

It's a position in which the attacked piece can move to a safe square.

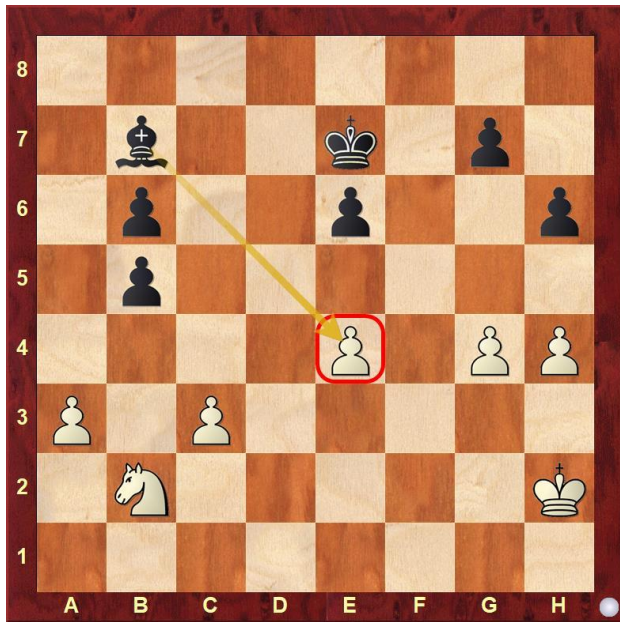


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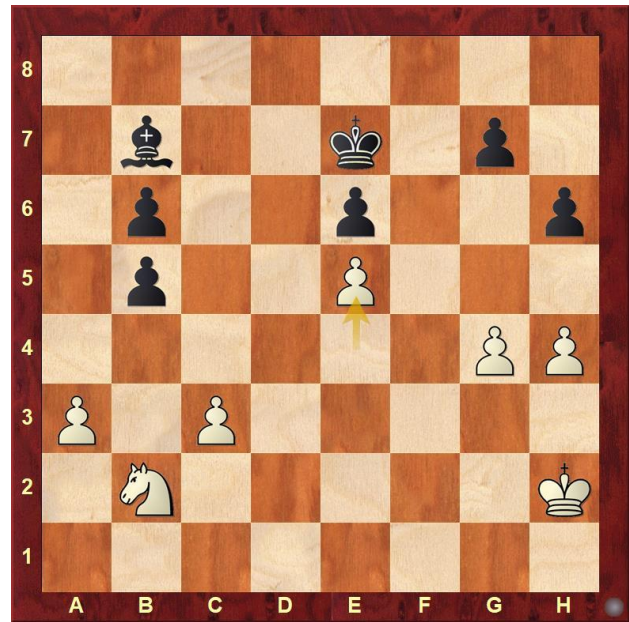


Diagram 12.6

In diagram 12.5, we can observe that the Black Bishop on b7 is attacking the White Pawn on e4. Later, in diagram 12.6 the White Pawn saved itself by moving away from e4 to e5.

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4. Protecting

It's a position in which the attacked piece has no safe square to move or one prefers protecting option over other available options, therefore he can get the other piece for supporting.

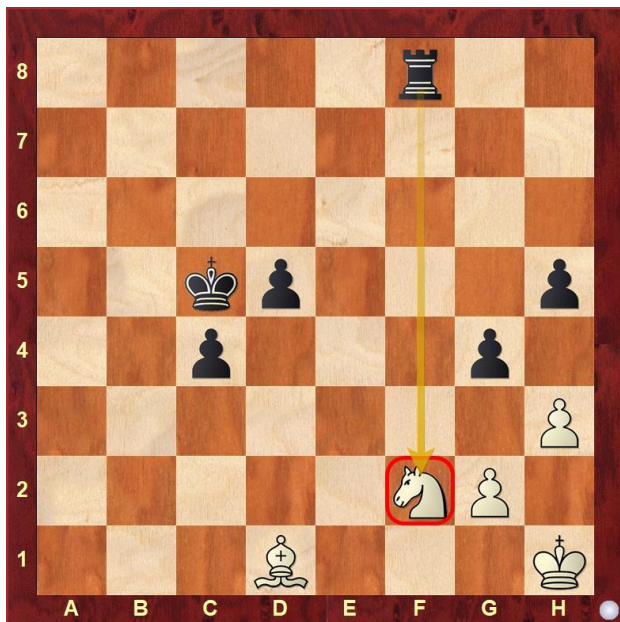


Diagram 12.7

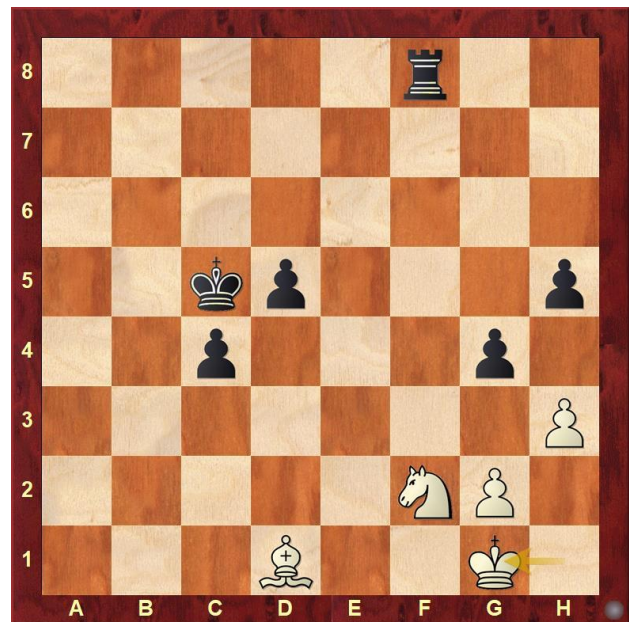


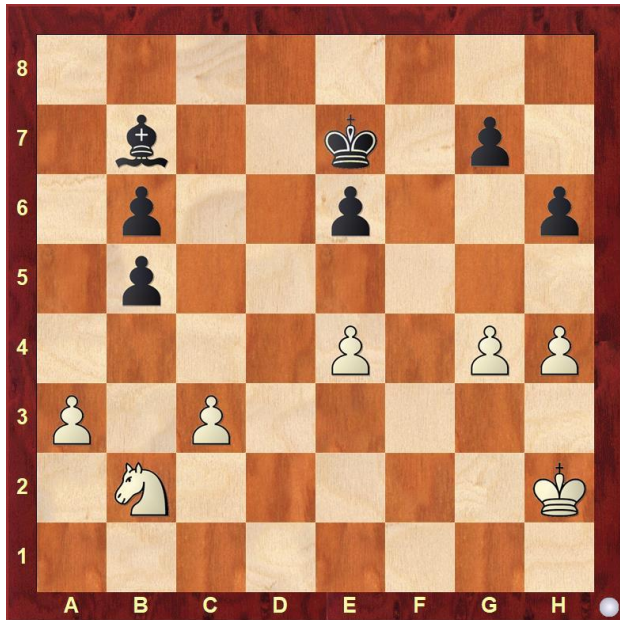
Diagram 12.8

In the diagram 12.7, we can observe that the black Rook on f8 is attacking the white knight on f2. Later in diagram 12.8, since the knight has no safe square left to move therefore king comes on g1 to protect the knight.

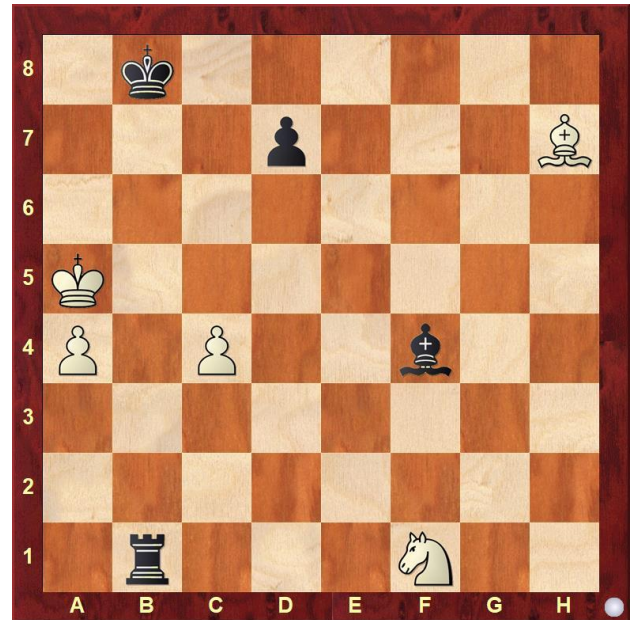
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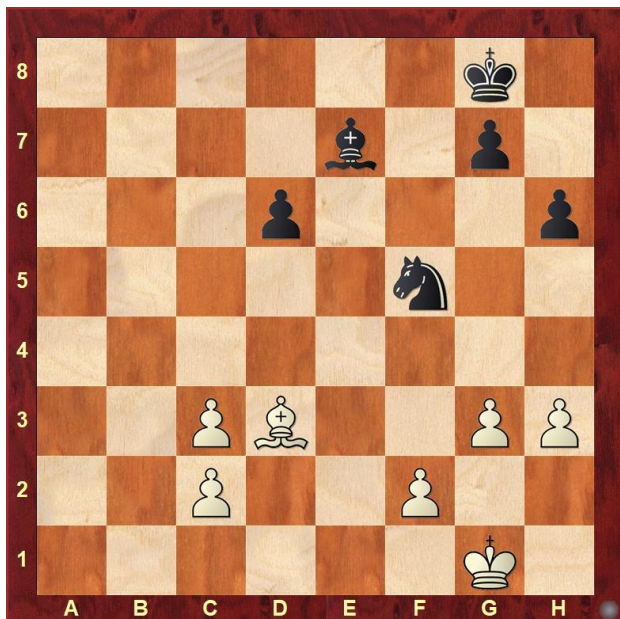
1. White to play and defend the attacked piece.



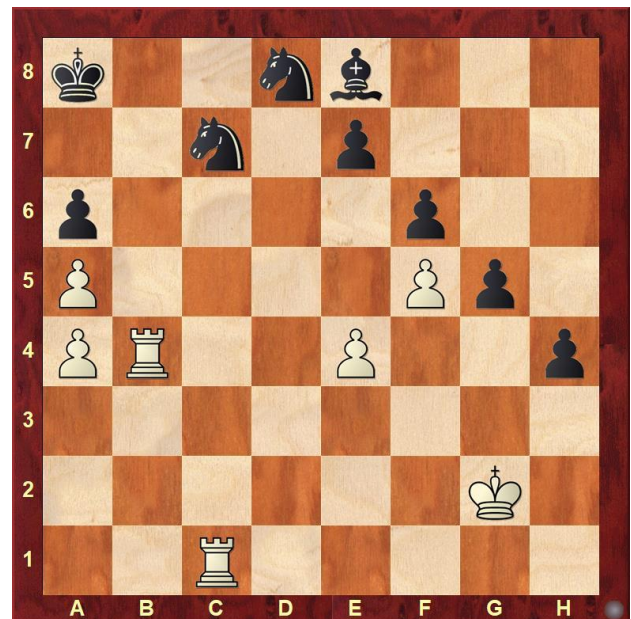
2. White to play and defend the attacked piece.



3. Black to play and defend the attacked piece.



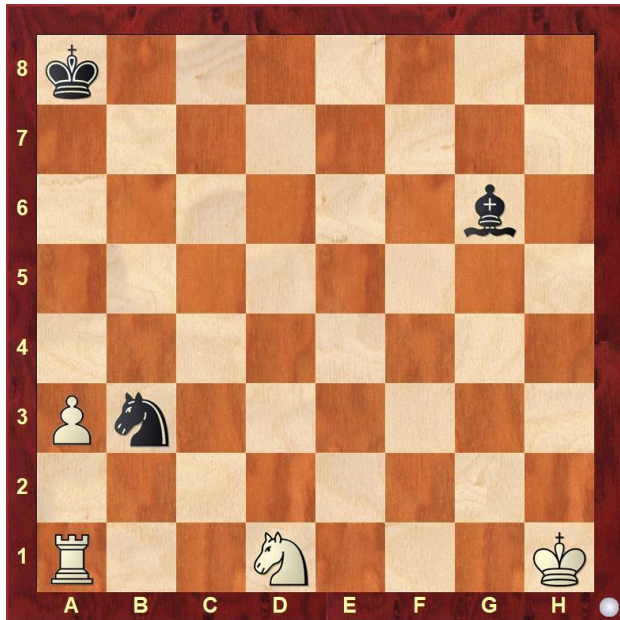
4. Black to play and defend the attacked piece.



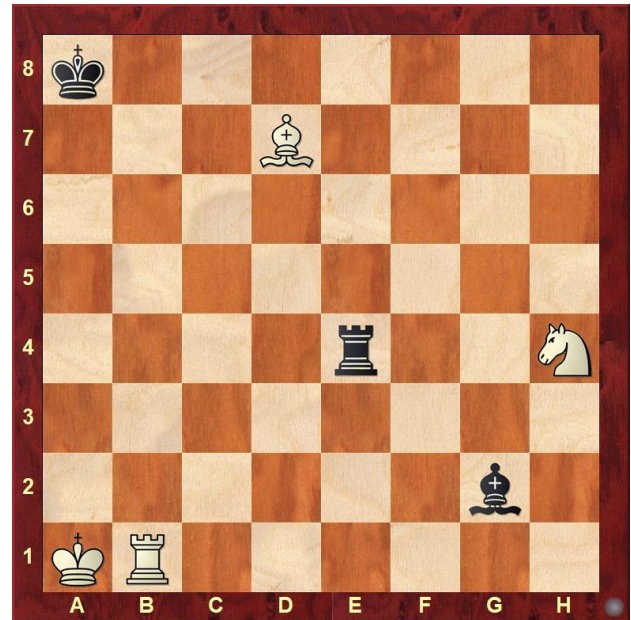
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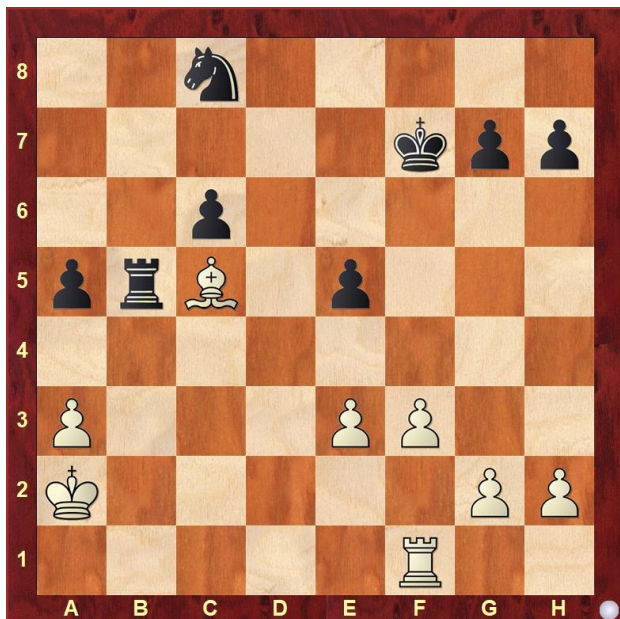
5. White to play and defend the attacked piece.



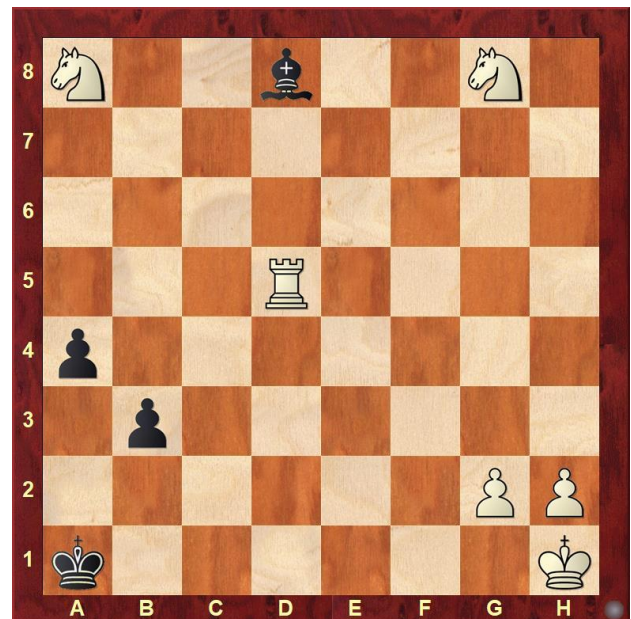
6. Black to play and defend the attacked piece.



7. White to play and defend the attacked piece.



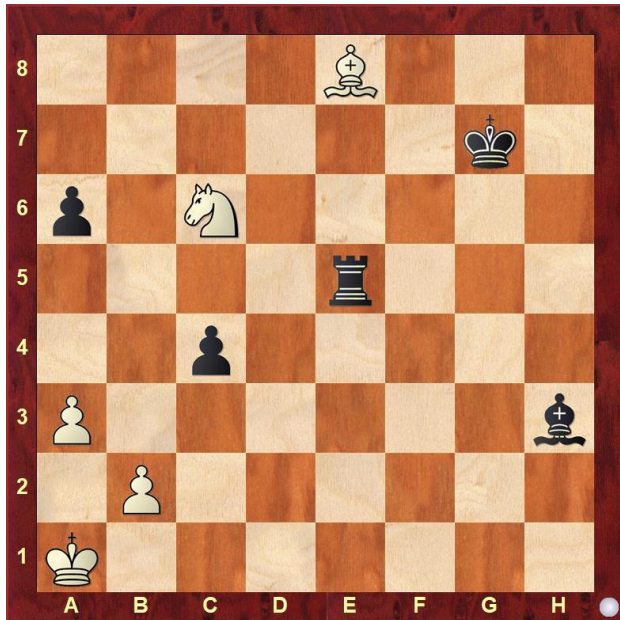
8. Black to play and defend the attacked piece.



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9. White to play and defend the attacked piece.



10. White to play and defend the attacked piece.

