

**SELF-TAUGHT GRANDMASTER****The Practical Part: TASK 14**

This special training block is dedicated to **rational time distribution**.

Your task:

1. Watch the video lesson "Finding the Best Moves; Quickly!":

<http://chess-teacher.com>

Please, repeat this lesson even if you saw it already.

2. Watch the video lesson "Break the 3000 Rating Barrier":

<http://chess-teacher.com/blitz>

Again, it doesn't matter if you saw it already.

3. **Write down the list of practical recommendations concerning rational time spending.** Of course you should use the tips from the video lessons mentioned above. Print out your list.

4. **Play 5-10 training games (you may play against humans or against computer).**

- Pay attention mostly to the rational time spending. Apply the recommendations from your list (which you've created in the 3rd item of this task).
- Try different time controls (it should be 15-minutes games or longer). E.g. you may play 15min/game, 30mins/game... etc
- Make a timekeeping. If you play on a computer, then it makes a timekeeping automatically.

5. **Analyze a timekeeping of your games.** Pay attention to the moves which took a lot of time for you. Think why it happened. Think how you should have done it. Make appropriate corrections in your thinking system.

6. **Open your mind map (your thinking system during a game). Mark out the OBLIGATORY items.** These are the most important, necessary steps of your thinking. You should follow them even when you are in a time trouble or during a blitz game.

For example, normally you need to find candidate moves and calculate them. This should be a one part of your thinking system. However, it's NOT an obligatory step. In a blitz game you will not do it certainly.

As a result of this task you will mark out a few key steps in your thinking system.

7. **Play a few (2-5) 10-minutes training games.** Pay attention mainly on a rational time distribution. Use ONLY the key points of your thinking system (you marked them out in the 6th item of this task).

The note:

- One of the main things concerning a rational time distribution is to have a clear thinking system and to follow it always. Pay attention on this thing while performing the tasks.

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