

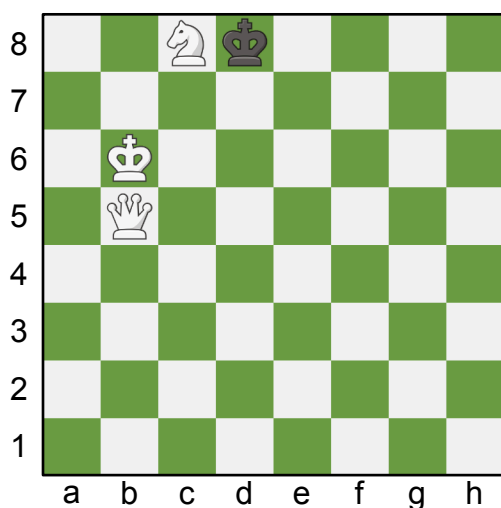
18. Crazyhouse

Crazyhouse is a chess variant where captured pieces switch color and go into the capturing player's "bank".

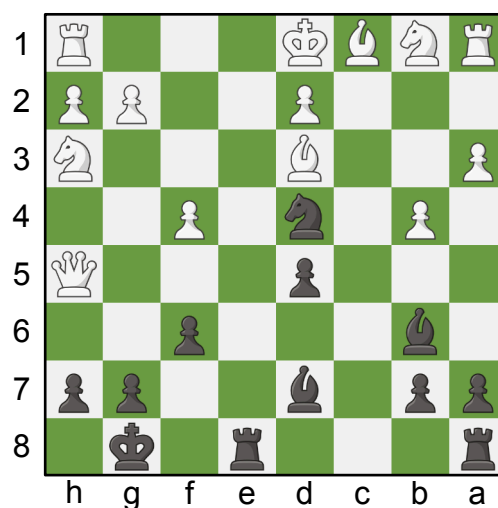
- You may choose to place a piece from your "bank" onto any open square on the board instead of making a move.
- You may place a piece to block a check or to give check.
- Pawns may not be placed on the 1st or 8th ranks. When a promoted pawn is captured, it goes into the "bank" as a pawn.

Challenge Puzzles

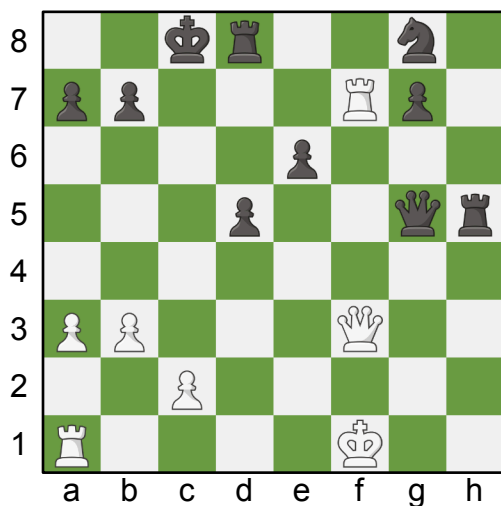
① White to play - mate in 2.



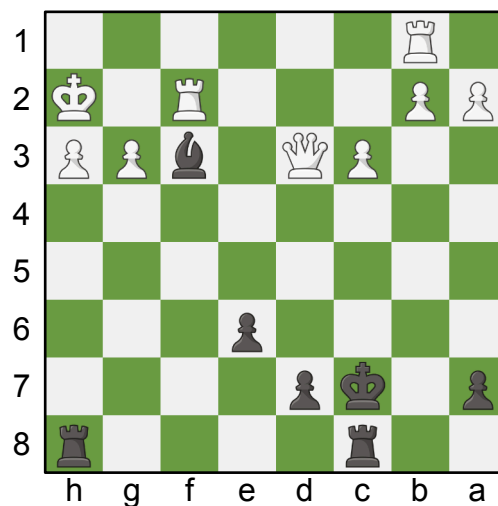
② Black to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - mate in 3.



④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① The queen is already preventing most of the black king's moves.
- ② Start with a bishop.
- ③ Start with the queen.
- ④ Start with a rook.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔a4 ♚xc8 2. ♔e8#
- ② 1.... ♗a4+ 2. ♖c2 ♗xc2#
- ③ 1. ♔c3+ ♚b8 2. ♔c7+ ♚a8 3. ♔xb7#
- ④ 1.... ♖xh3+ 2. ♔xh3 ♖h8+ 3. ♔h7 ♖xh7# (or 2. ♔xg1 ♖h1#)

