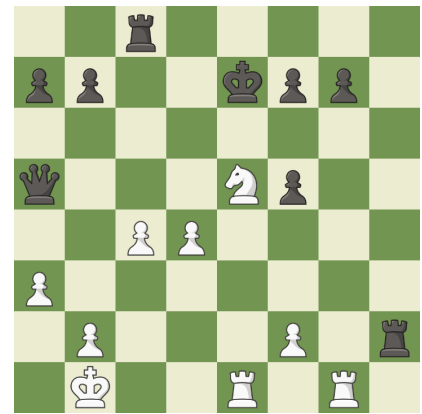


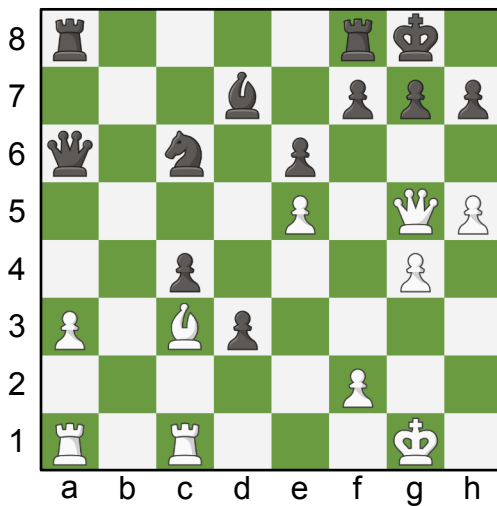
## 27. Discovered Attacks

A discovered attack occurs when a piece moves away to reveal an attack from another piece behind it. This tactic can be particularly powerful, as the opponent must respond to the newly unveiled threat, often missing the simultaneous danger posed by the moving piece. A discovered check is the most powerful of all. In this image, the knight can move to Nc6 threatening the black queen while the black king is in check from the white rook.

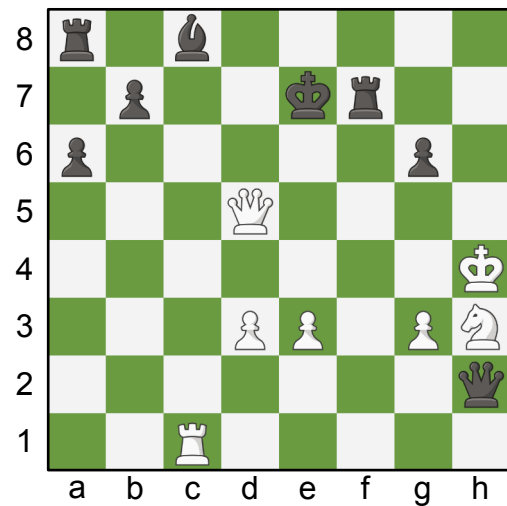


### Challenge Puzzles

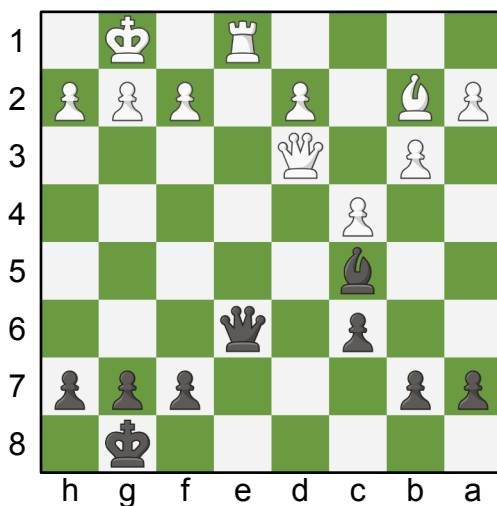
① White to play - mate in 3.



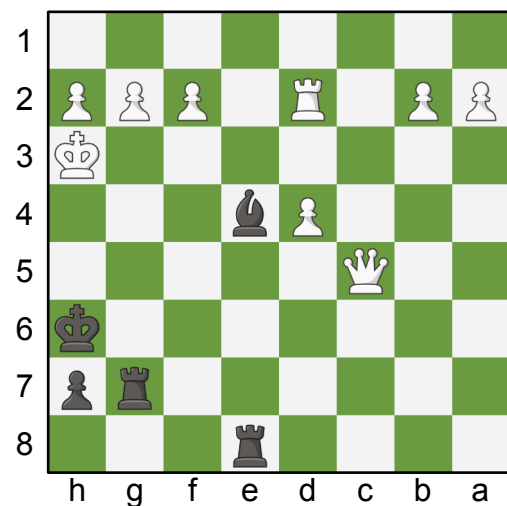
② White to play - mate in 3.



③ Black to play - mate in 3.



④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Start with a pawn.
- ② Start with the rook.
- ③ Start with the queen.
- ④ Start with a bishop.

Answers.

- ① 1. h6 g6 2. f6 ? 3. g7#
- ② 1. c7+ d7 2. xd7+ f8 3. xf7# (There are many variations that start with 1. c7)
- ③ 1. xe1+ 2. f1 xf2+ 3. h1 xf1#
- ④ 1. xg2+ 2. h4 e4+ 3. f4 xf4#

