

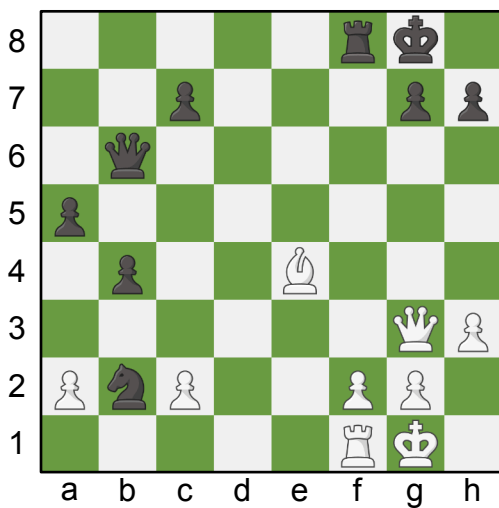
7. Forks

A fork occurs when a single piece simultaneously attacks two pieces.

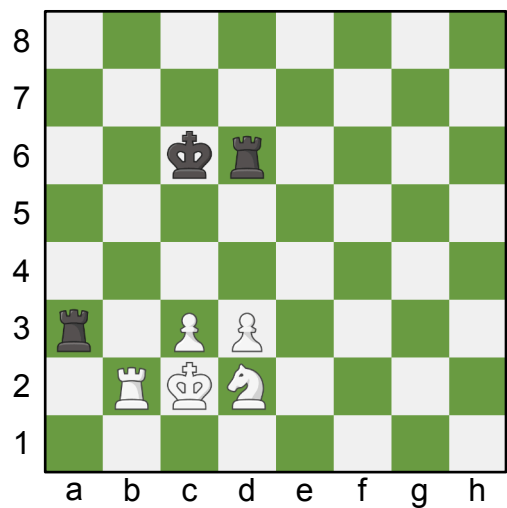
- A knight fork is especially strong because the forked pieces can rarely attack the knight back. Be on the lookout for knight forks at all times.
- Any piece can fork the opponent's pieces under the right circumstances. As a challenge, for each type of piece you should try to set up a position where you can fork the opponent's pieces.
- Not all forks will win material. A fork is more useful if it threatens unprotected pieces.

Challenge Puzzles

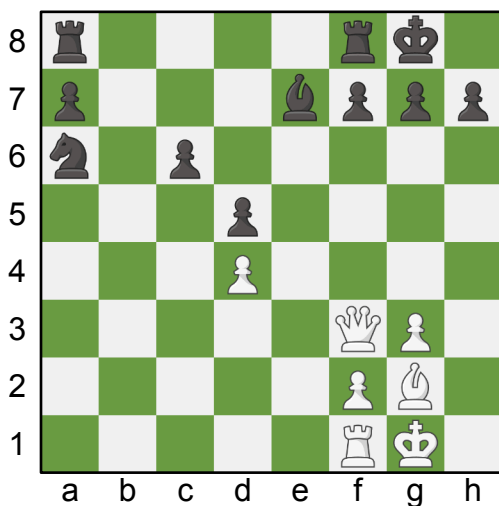
① White to play - Spot the fork.



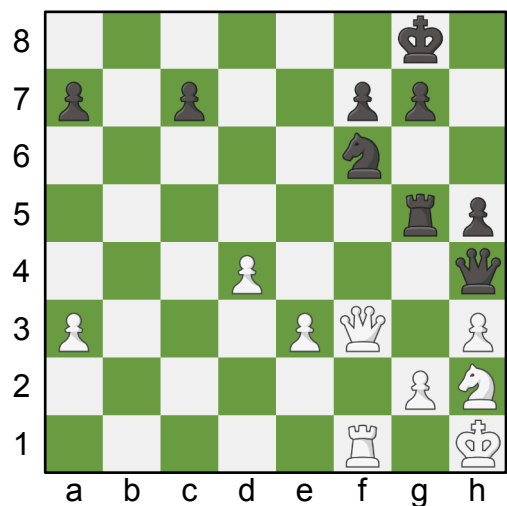
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Hints.

- ① Use the queen.
- ② Use the knight.
- ③ Use the queen.
- ④ This is a two-move combo.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔b3+
- ② 1. ♞c4
- ③ 1. ♔e2
- ④ 1. ♔a8+ ♚h7 2. ♞f3

