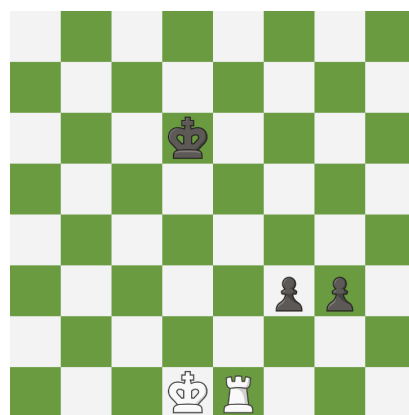


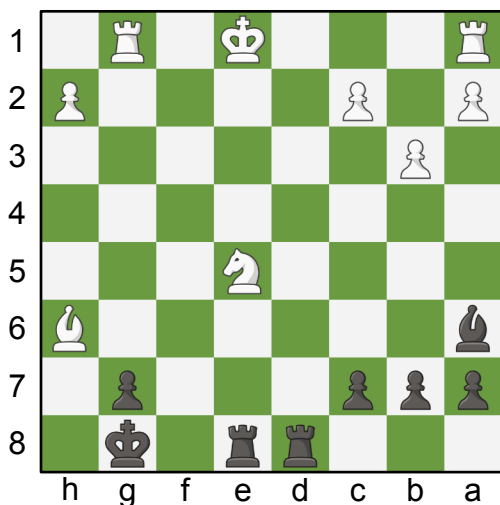
## 42. Who Wins?

In this puzzle, black has two advanced pawns, but white has a rook and a king nearby. Which side has the advantage? It's white to move.

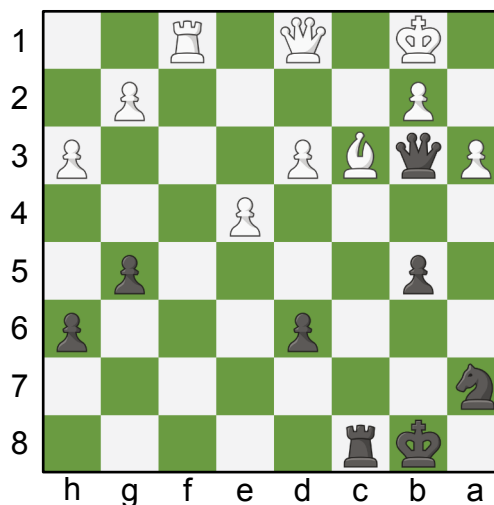


## Challenge Puzzles

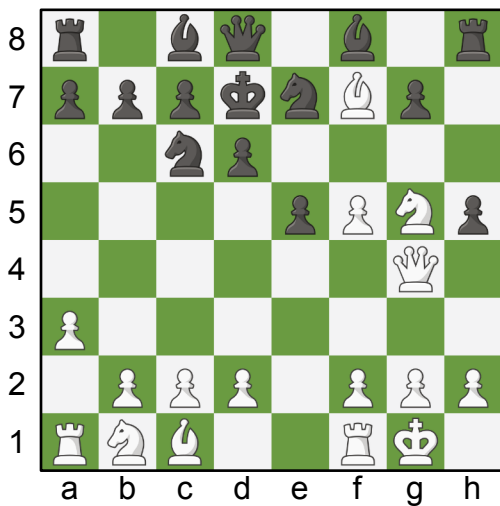
① Black to play - Find best move.



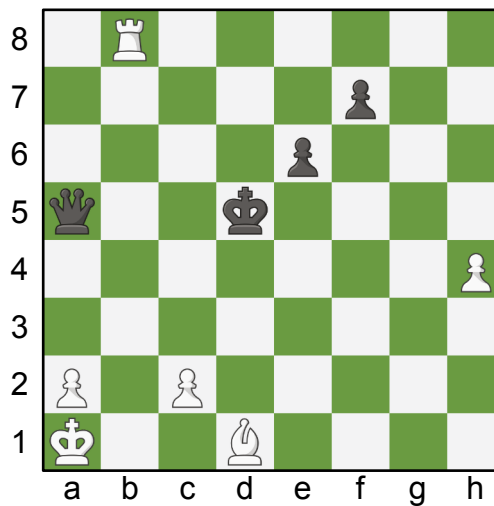
② Black to play - Is the bishop poisoned?



③ White to play - Find best move.



④ White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

- ① Start with the rook.
- ② If you take the pawn with the rook, the queens will be traded. What follows?
- ③ Start with a pawn.
- ④ Start with the rook.

Answers.

- ① 1... ♖xe5+ 2. ♔f2 ♖f8+ 3. ♔g3 ♟gxh6
- ② No, it's poisoned. 1... ♖xc3 2. ♚xb3 ♖xb3 3. ♔c2 and the rook is trapped.
- ③ 1. ♟f6+ ♟hxc4 2. ♙e6+ ♚e8 3. ♟f7#
- ④ 1. ♖b5+ ♚xb5 2. ♟c4+ ♚xc4 3. ♙b3

