2. Pawn vs Knight

Usually a knight is much more powerful than a pawn, but a pawn has the potential to promote. Typically, you can think of a knight as being worth 3 pawns.

- Try to keep you pawns connected so they can protect each other. Don't advance your pawns forward unless you have a plan because they can't be moved backwards.
- Knights are good for blockading pawns to stop their progress. They are also good for jumping into spaces other pieces can't reach.

Challenge Puzzles

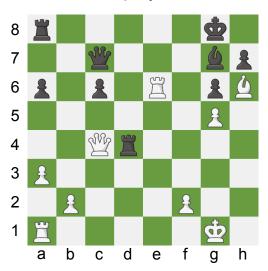
① White to play - mate in 1.



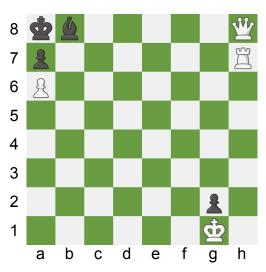
3 Black to play- mate in 2.



② White to play - mate in 1.



White to play- mate in 2.



Hints.

- ① Move the queen.
- ② Look for a double check.
- 3 Start with the knight.
- ④ The first move leaves black with only one legal move.

Answers.

- ① 1. 營h7# 1-0
- ② 1. 置e8# 1-0
- ③ 1... ▲g3+ 2. △xg3 ∰h5# 0-1
- ④ 1. 罩h1 ▲xh1=ッ + 2. ッxh1# 1-0

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