

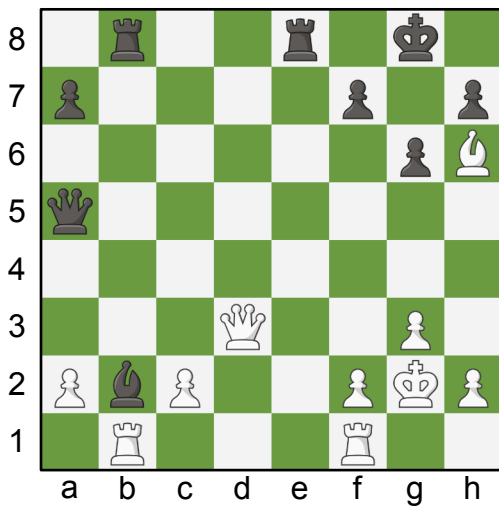
54. Feeling the Heat

In this position, Black is up by a rook, but white has pieces that are better positioned. It's white to move. What move should they make? Are they playing for a win or a draw?

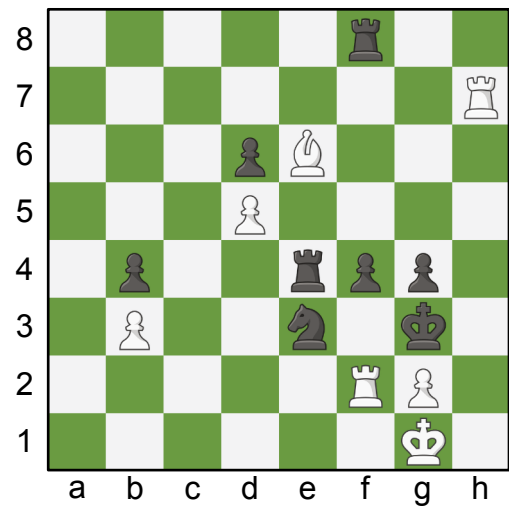


Challenge Puzzles

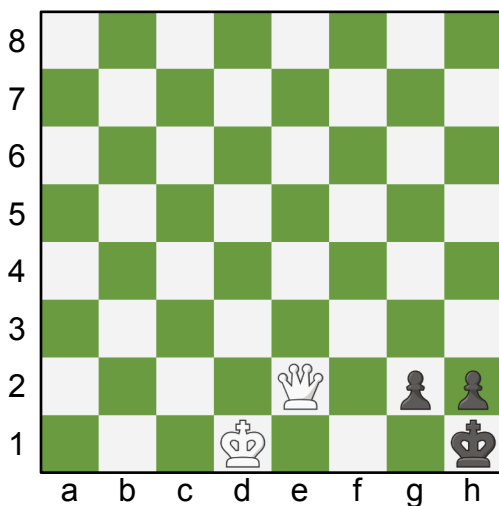
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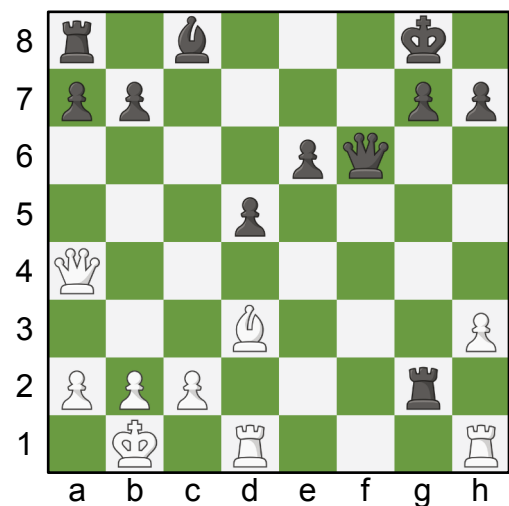
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③ White to play - Mate in 2.



④ White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

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

Answers.

- ① 1. ♖xb2 Black can't recapture the rook without losing more material.
- ② 1. ♖f3+ ♟gxf3 2. ♖h3#
- ③ 1. ♕e4 g1 2. ♕e1#
- ④ 1. ♕e8+ ♜f8 2. ♙xh7+ ♔xh7 3. ♕xf8

