

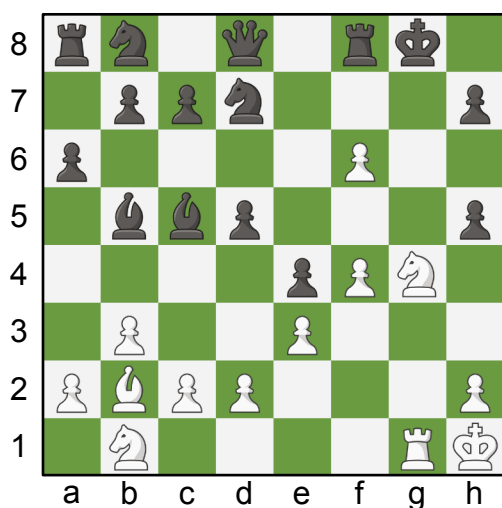
52. The Speed of Chess

Chess can be played under different time controls. We usually group them as follows.

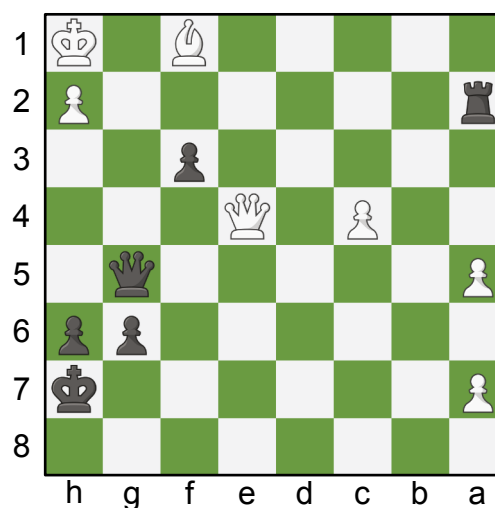
Chess Type	Time Control	Key Characteristics
Classical	60+ minutes	Deep strategy, high precision
Rapid	10-60 minutes	Balanced between strategy and speed
Blitz	3-10 minutes	Fast, instinctive, time scrambles
Bullet	<3 minutes	Ultra-fast, pre-moves, reflex-based

Challenge Puzzles

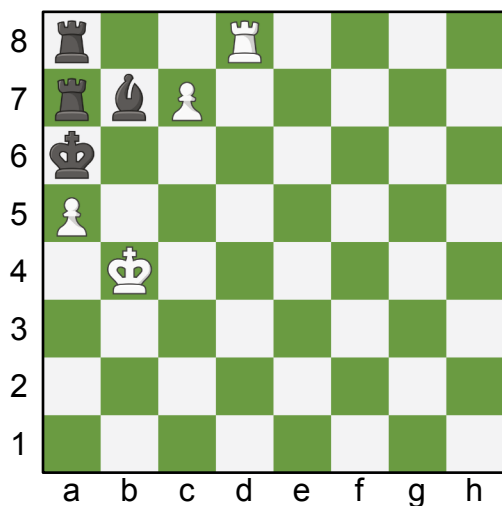
① White to play - mate in 3.



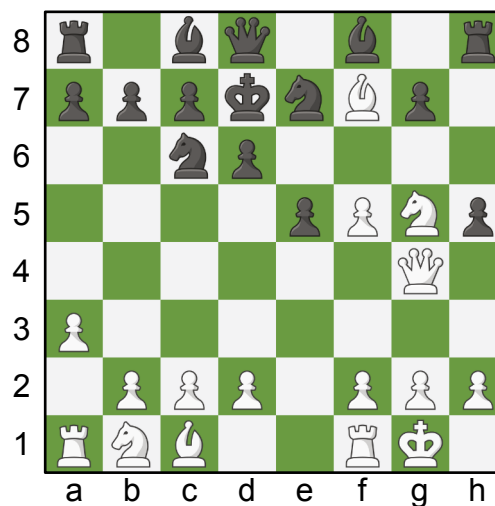
② Black to play - mate in 4.



③ White to play - Mate in 2.

























④ White to play - Mate in 3.



Hints.

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

Answers.

- ① 1. h6+ h8 2. g8+ xg8 3. f7#
- ② 1... g2+ 2. xg2 a1+ 3. b1 xb1+ 4. f1 xf1#
- ③ 1. b8 xb8 2. cxb8=# or if the bishop moves, 2. c6#
- ④ 1. f6+ hxg4 2. e6+ e8 3. f7#

