

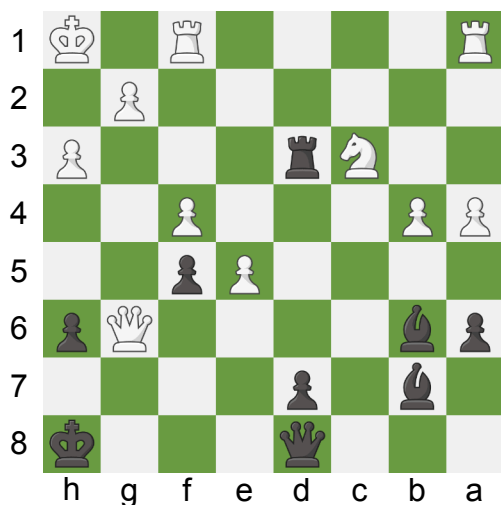
4. Queen's Gambit

A gambit in chess is a sacrifice of a pawn or piece to gain an advantage in development.

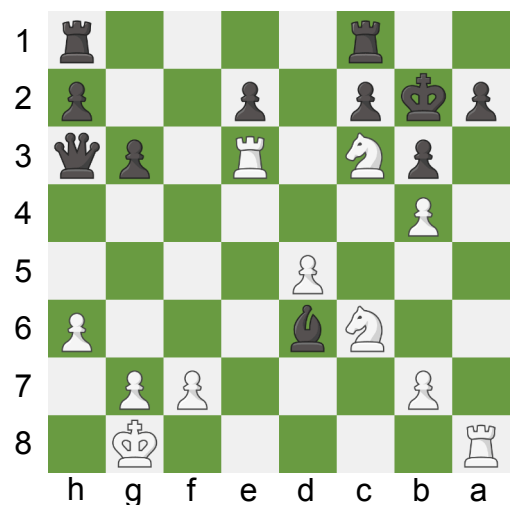
- The queen's gambit starts with the moves 1. ♖d4 ♟d5 2. ♖c4 after which black can immediately capture white's pawn.
- However, white is able to develop quickly and control the center if black accepts the pawn offer. This opening is called "the queen's gambit accepted."
- In the "queen's gambit declined" black chooses not to take the pawn.

Challenge Puzzles

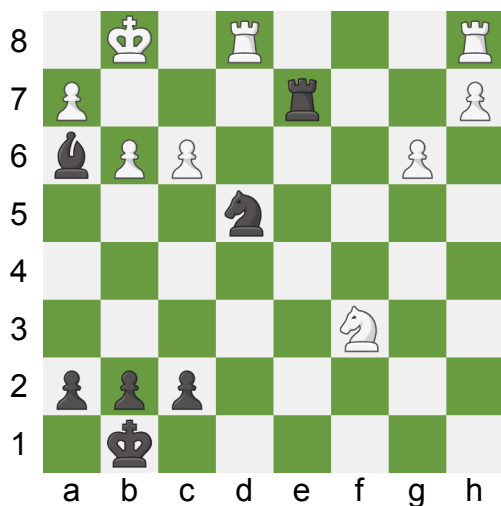
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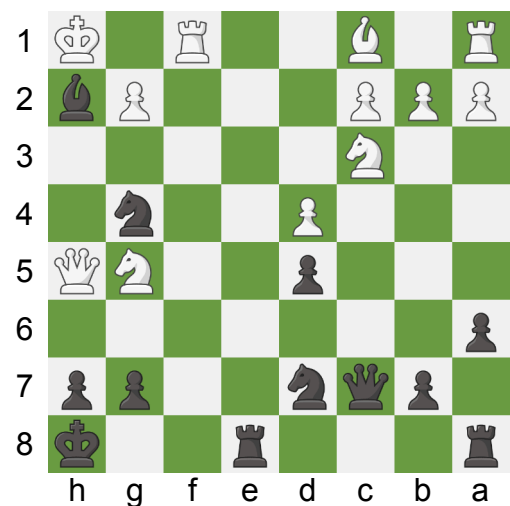
② Black to play - mate in 1.



③ White to play - mate in 2.



④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Consider pieces that can check the white king.
- ② Mate with a rook.
- ③ Only checks will force this mate.
- ④ Find a move that draws out protecting pieces.

Answers.

- ① 1. ... ♖xh3# 0-1
- ② 1. ♖xh7# 1-0
- ③ 1. ... ♖g2+ 2. ♔h1 ♜f2# 0-1
- ④ 1. ... ♜f2+ 2. ♖xf2 ♖e1+ 3. ♖f1 ♖xf1# 0-1

