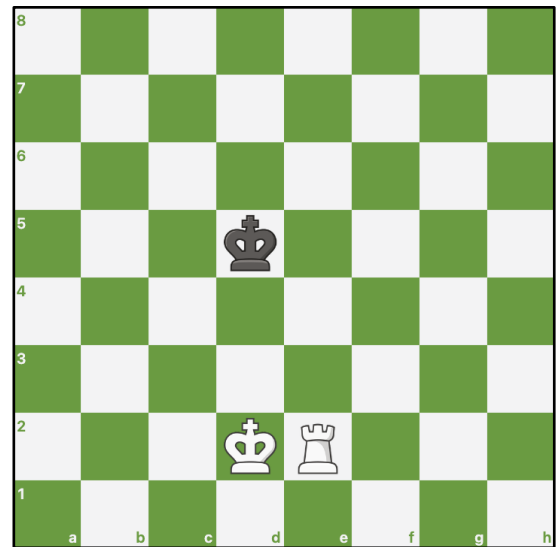


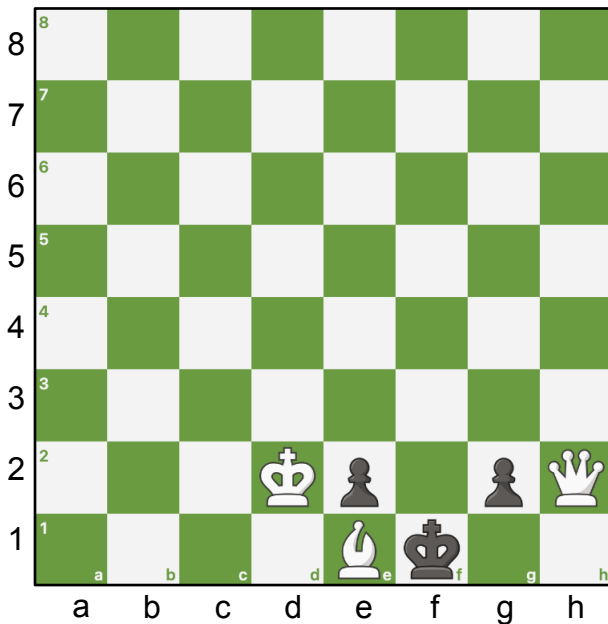
121. Kings and Rooks

It's time to review some basic checkmating ideas. A lone rook and king mate shows up fairly often in games. A staircase mate and a ladder mate are other common motifs. To become a master, you must first master the basics.

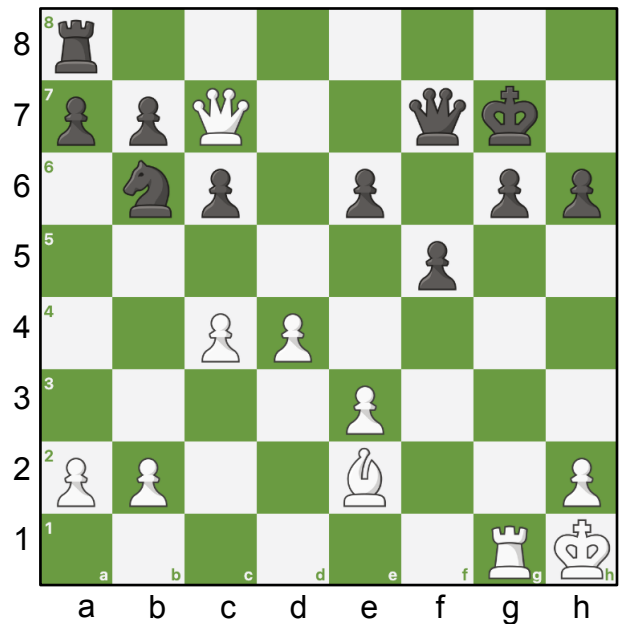


Challenge Puzzles

① White to play - Mate in 2.



② White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

- ① Start with the king.
- ② Start with the rook.

Answers.

- ① 1. d3 xe1 2. g1#
- ② 1. xg6+ xg6 2. h5+ xh5 3. xf7+

