

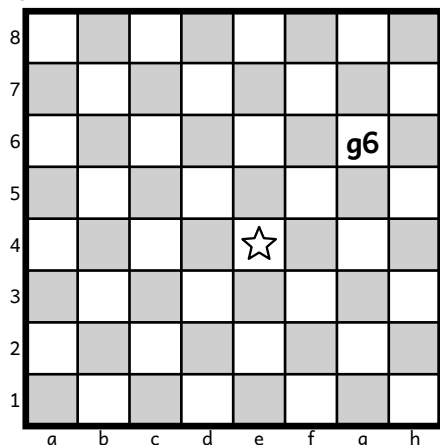


How chess moves are written

A page for grown-ups (and Level 4 players) to read the Mate in Two answers together.

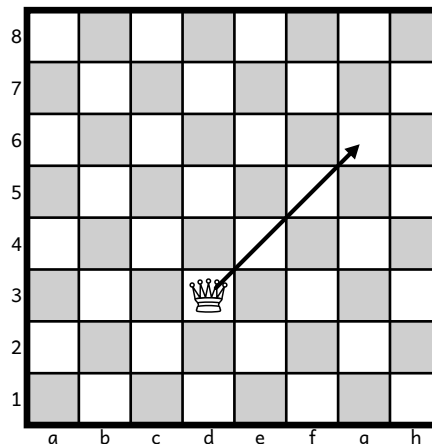
1. Every square has a name

Letter first (a to h, left to right from White's side), then number (1 to 8, from White's side up). The star is on **e4**.



2. A move = piece + square

Qg6 means "the queen moves to g6".



3. Piece letters



K King



Q Queen



R Rook



B Bishop



N Knight (K is taken by the king)



Pawn: no letter, just the square (e4)

4. Extra marks

x takes

Nxf7: the knight takes the piece on f7

+ check

Qh5+: the queen moves to h5 and gives check

checkmate

Rh8#: the rook moves to h8, checkmate

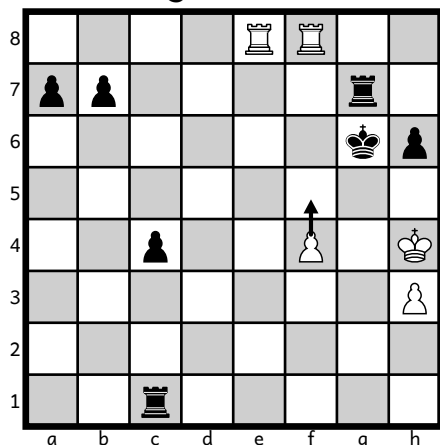
! a good move

we put it after the first move of the answer

... Black's move

1...Kh7: Black's king moves to h7

5. Reading a Mate in Two answer



1. f5+! White plays: pawn to f5, check.

If 1...Kh7, then 2. Rh8# If Black plays king to h7, White plays rook to h8, checkmate.

Every "If" line is one thing Black could do. White has a mate ready for each one.