

CHESS CLASS HOMEWORK Class 7.

Tactics practice problems for beginners and all who want to develop their skills, board vision, and ability to ‘find the right move’.

General Questions: 1. What is ‘unguarded’? 2. Can you attack it? Do you want to attack it? 3. Are there open lines – diagonal or vertical – leading to the enemy king? 4. Can you ‘check’ the enemy king? Do you want to do that? 5. If you make the move you are thinking of, what will be the response from the other person? 6. Is your move a forcing move or is it a move he ‘could’ ignore? 7. Is your king open to attacks? Will your opponent have a move or two to begin an attack on you?

Tactics they can learn online and that we will cover in classes: (((Books: Chess Tactics for Kids and How to Beat Your Dad at Chess – both by Murray Chandler see www.alibris.com for lowest prices I have found.)))

1. Fork 2. Pin 3. Skewer 4. Discovered Attack 5. Destroying the Guard 6. Deflection 7. Decoy
8. Square-vacating . 9. Line-vacating 10. Zwischenzug (an ‘In-Between-Move’ one makes before moving in the main line)
11. Desperado 12. ZugZwang At the end of each tactic, be sure you work out “how to win the game from here” so that you don’t end up in a position you have no clue how to play.

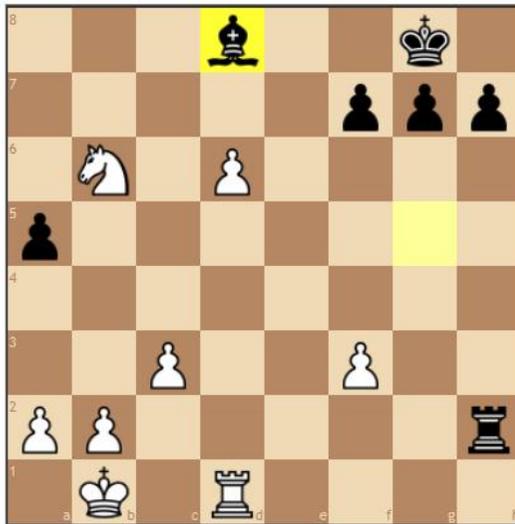
On the homepage, green bar, is the word ‘learn’ and under that, you can find basic materials, along with daily puzzles, and lots of other things to do, including game of the week, with analysis commentary about objectives on each move.

Chess is 99% tactics, learn more about those each week. These are ‘homework lessons I prepared for those interested to work on each week.

Chess coach.

1. 46794 Weak back rank, no escape square, keys to your move. Black attacked your unguarded knight. What is your response?

You play WHITE



2. 50936 white has just moved his bishop, to attack black’s knight and bishop. But nothing guards the bishop. Black’s knight is attacked by a pawn, should he take the bishop or is there another move that is better?

You play BLACK



3. 49092 White overlooked a fork attack and pushed his e pawn to restrict black’s knight. Black’s queen guards his knight. What is your move now?

You play BLACK



4. 57525 Black made a mistake, blocking the bishop with his knight. Now what is your move? Noticing the knight is pinned to the black queen should give you an idea.

You play WHITE



5. 56391 White needed to use a different move – maybe e4 here, to slow black’s attack. Instead, after a3, what is your move?

You play BLACK



6. 51230 Black has just pushed his f pawn to drive out the white knight. Will that work or is there some tactic you can find here?

You play WHITE



7. 51953 White just checked black’s king and black interposed his knight. What is your next move? Is there an operative pin on the board? Can you use that to advantage?

You play WHITE



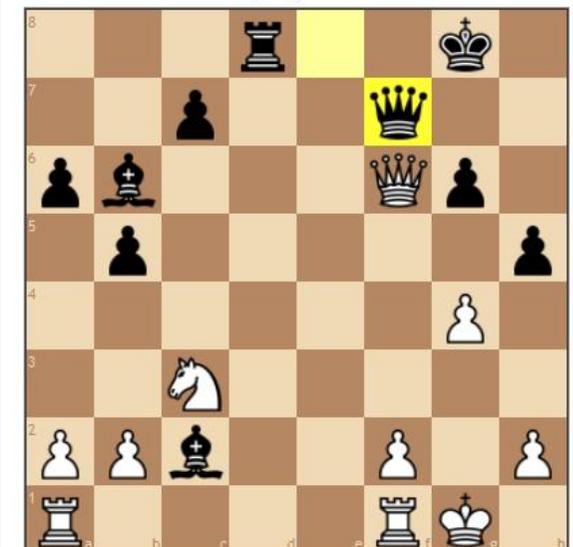
8. 71567 White played Bc4. What is your move now? Hint: think of a FORK.

You play BLACK



9. 71796 Black just challenged white’s queen. But when he moved from e8 to f7, what did he leave ‘not guarded’ ?

You play WHITE



10. 102527 White's queen is trapped. BUT before moving the queen in panic, think of a zwischenzug – an in-between move.

You play WHITE



11. 86938 Black just moved his queen from f6. What is your next move now? Hint: think Fork.

You play WHITE



12. 50454 White just took your g pawn. What are you going to do about that? Recapture? Ok, you could, but do you see a 'better' move?

You play BLACK



13. 61867 Black moved his f pawn a second time. What do you see for white?

You play WHITE



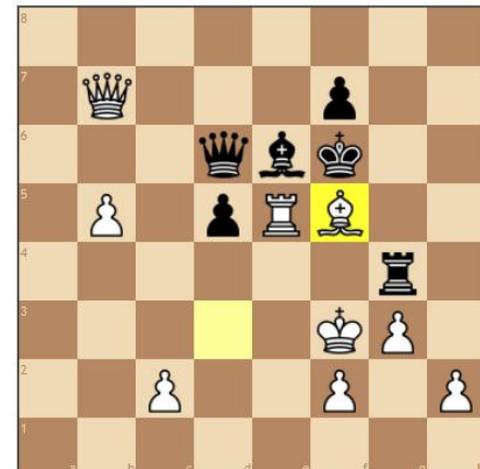
14. 46628 White just captured a black pawn. What tactic do you see you can use now? Hint: think of a 'battery'.

You play BLACK



15. 104985 White thought to win black's rook on an 'exchange'... but black is having none of that. What do you move and what is the threat?

You play BLACK



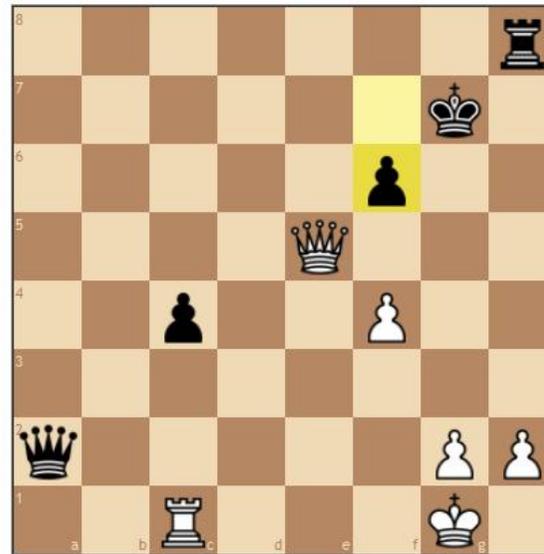
16. 95615 White just 'saved' his bishop by moving it to d2. Your move, what do you see that is exposed and potentially can be captured if you can get 'one free move in?'

You play BLACK



17. 103684 Black just attacked your queen with a pawn. What moves do you see here?

You play WHITE



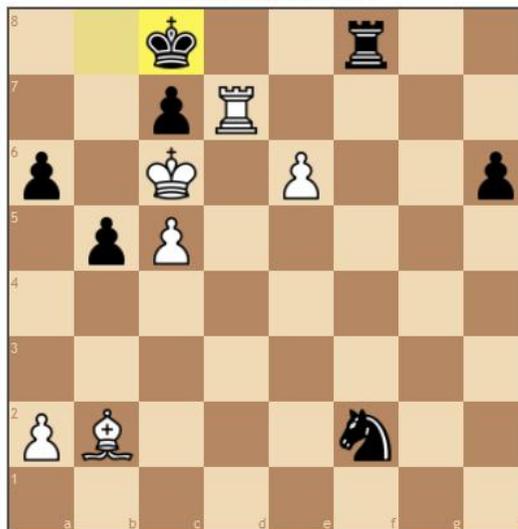
18. 87222 Black moved his king out of check. He might have been better advised to block with his queen (or not get in this position).

You play WHITE



19. 48899 What key squares do you see? What is your move? Why can't black play Re6+?

You play WHITE



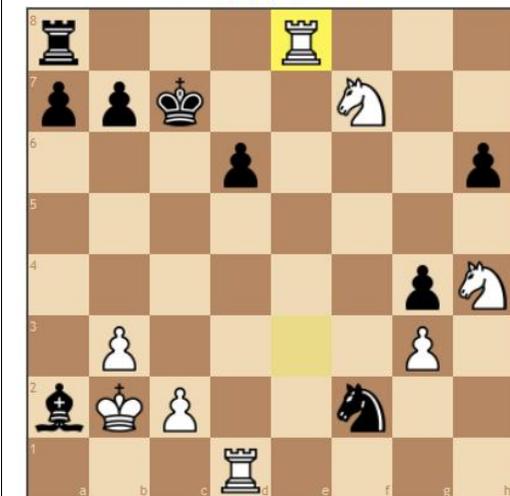
20. 90327 white just took your pawn with check. What is your move? Will you survive?

You play BLACK



21. 100039 White just took your rook. What is your answer now? You could just take his rook. Hint: Zwischenzug.

You play BLACK



22. 96586 Black just doubled his attack on your knight. What do you do now?

You play WHITE



23. 52781 Black just took your knight on e2. What is your move? Hint: double attack on g7, g7 is pinned, and there is an unguarded pawn on c6.

You play WHITE



24. 66822 White pushed h3, what guards the bishop? Only the queen. Ideas? drive her away.

You play BLACK



25. 100603 White doubled his attack on f6. What do you see that will win material? Hint: think what is unguarded?

You play BLACK



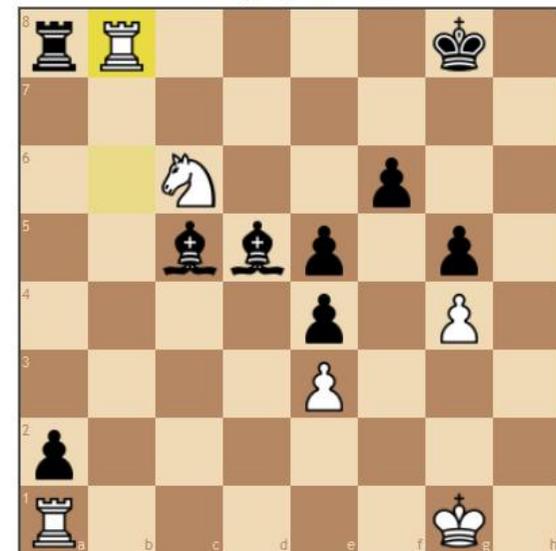
26. White forgot, nothing guards c1 now.

You play BLACK



27. 61686 White checked and you must capture the rook. But then what happens?

You play BLACK



ANSWERS for CHESS LESSON 10

<p>1. Threaten his king with mate. Either he pushes a pawn – allowing you to fork him, or moves his king, allowing you to push your pawn and threaten him again. You will get his bishop either way. 1. Re1 f6 2. Re8+ Kf7 3. Rxd8 and you can win now. Or: 1. Re1 Ke8 2. d7 and black will have to let go of his bishop to avoid mate.</p>	<p>2. Of course you saw the clever ‘zwischenzug’ move of Nd3+ (white cannot take it due to the a6 bishop), and black can capture the white bishop next move, with a threat to exchange for white’s knight – saving a knight and gaining a winning advantage.</p>	<p>3. The knight is worth only 3 points, and you have a forking check/attack. Go ahead, Qf3+ and take out white’s rook. You can even win a pawn as well, if not more.</p>
<p>4. Of course, pile on to attack the knight again, with a pawn. e5 works well. Black’s queen has nowhere to go to escape.</p>	<p>5. Quite right. Black has a double attack on c2, guarded only by white’s queen, so, Nxc2+ forking king and rook, and off with the rook next move.</p>	<p>6. yes, 2. Nxf7 Kxf7 and now, 3. Qh5+ Kg8 4. Bxg6 Rf7 5. Bxf7+ and white is winning very handily. Did you see this? Now how will you play from here?</p>
<p>7. yes, noticing that your b3 bishop pins the f pawn, you fearlessly take his knight with check, cleaning up the h pawn next and needing only to get a rook mobilized to win quickly. How will you continue this game now?</p>	<p>8. Yes, a nice knight fork is waiting for you. Na5 now, and Nxc4 next (free bishop) or white loses his queen.</p>	<p>9. Yes, the rook. Qxd8+ wins cleanly and makes it a ‘mop-up’ operation. How will you proceed after that as white – to win without allowing black much counterplay?</p>
<p>10. Yes, Rf3 works. 21. Rf3+ Nf4 22. Rxf4+ gxf4 23. Qg7+ Ke6 24. Qg6+ Bf6 25. Bxf6 Qe8 26. Re1+ Kd5 27. Qg5+ Kc6 28. Rxe8 Rhxe8 29. Qxf4</p>	<p>11. A royal “family” fork. Nc7+ forks king, queen and a rook.</p>	<p>12. Qh5+ and after Kd2, white is facing mate as Bxg4 is devastating to white’s position.</p>
<p>13. Ng5 attacking black’s queen, and after Qh6, d6 busts black’s center completely.</p>	<p>14. 1. exf5?? A horrible mistake. Rxe1 wins a rook for free as white cannot recapture (checkmate).</p>	<p>15. Qxe5 with a threat of Qe4#. Black wins a rook and bishop.</p>
<p>16. A ‘free move’ generator might be a ‘check’. Do you have one and can you FORK the king and queen? Yes, Nd4+ and off with her majesty next move.</p>	<p>17. 1.... f6? 2. Qe7+ Kg6 3. f5+ and black cannot hide any longer. +10.95} 43. f5+ Kg5 44. Qg7+ Kxf5 45. Rf1+ Ke4 46. Qe7+ Kd4 47. Qxf6+ Kd3 48. Qd6+ Kc2 49. Rf2+ Kb3 50. Qb6+ Kc3 51. Qe3+ Kb4 52. Rxa2 Rd8</p>	<p>18. Bd4 builds up a ‘battery’ that black will have to lose material on. The threat is Qh8#</p>
<p>19. Because of a minor piece, your b2 Bishop. After d7 Rd8 is Be6 a great move for white?</p>	<p>20. Yes, just take the bishop.</p>	<p>21. Nxd1+ - an in-between move. -4.40} 28. ... Rxe8 29. Kxd1 Re3 30. Nxf6 Rxf3 31. N4f5 Rg1+ 32. Ke2 g3 33. Nd4 g2 34. Nb5+ Kc6 35. Nxa7+ Kc5</p>
<p>22. a fork, of course. Nc6 wins an exchange.</p>	<p>23. 1. gxf7 Rg8(forced), Now a zwischenzug, black cannot move his rook, 2. Rxc6</p>	<p>24. 1. ... f5 and white will soon give up on guarding the e3 bishop.</p>
<p>25. Of course, the a1 rook. Bxb2. It matters little that your kingside pawns are askew, when you are ahead by a whole rook.</p>	<p>26. 1. ... Qxc1+ wins material, and next Qxb2 and Qxa1</p>	<p>27. 1. ... Rxb8 2. Nxb8 Bxe3+ K any, Bd4 and white’s remaining rook goes off the board.</p>