

CHESS CLASS HOMEWORK Class 5.

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. 59171 Black is threatening both a pawn and a knight. How can you respond? (Hint: a strong attack is good – Think Knight fork.)

You play WHITE



2. 63989 White to move, IF white carelessly captures your ‘unguarded’ bishop by Rxf3, what is your answer? (Hint: Think which white pieces are not guarded.)

You play BLACK



3. 54097 White just retreated his rook from g7 to g3. Alertly observing an absolute PIN, your move is?

You play BLACK



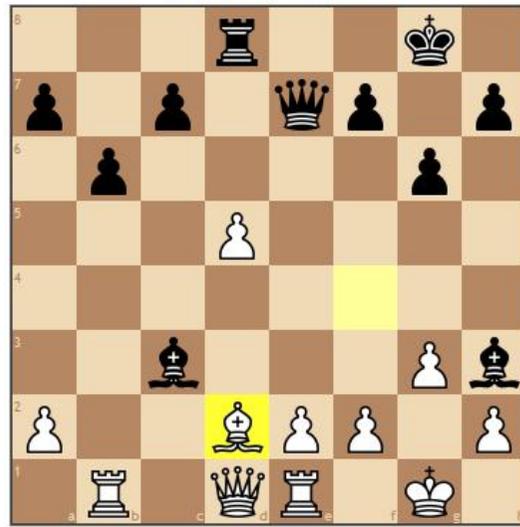
4. 47432 White just played Nh2. What is your response? Hint: alertly observing how restricted the white king is, you play what – with an immediate mate threat?

You play BLACK



5. 55209 white just played Bd2. Everything he has is guarded, but, can you find a weakness to exploit and maybe double-attack a piece only once-guarded? How?

You play BLACK



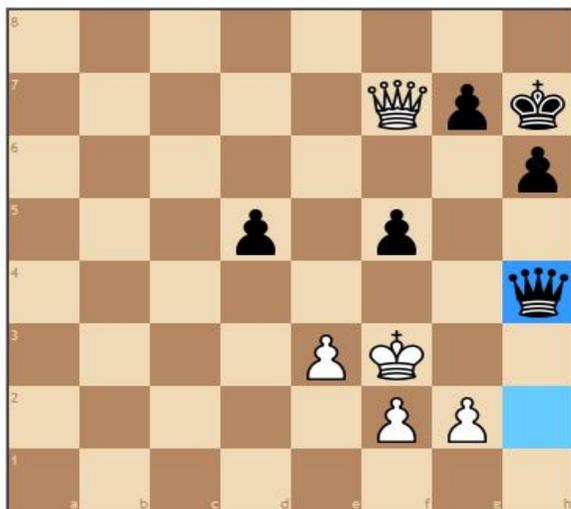
6. 55824 black just retreated his queen to c6. Noticing that king and queen are lined up on the same diagonal, you alertly play? _____

You play WHITE



7. 61239 Black just repositioned his queen. While Qe5 would have been good, something is wrong about Qh4. What is your move as white?

You play WHITE



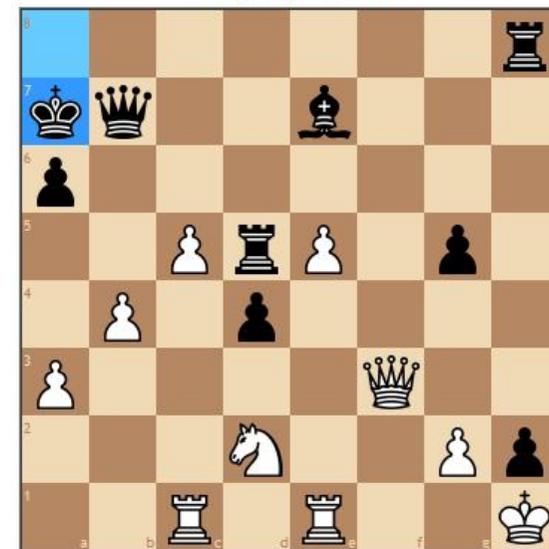
8. 65590 Black just lined up a bishop/queen battery to threaten your g pawn. what is your response?

You play WHITE



9. 67014 Black has just moved his king. What is your move? Hint: think of interference.

You play WHITE



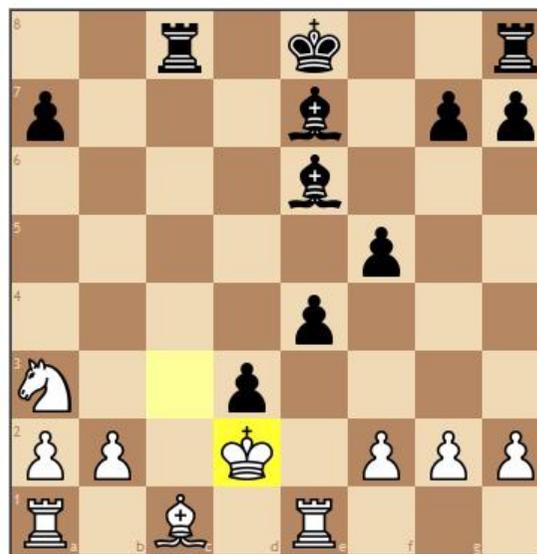
10. white played b4? - a mistake. You can take his knight. Should you? If you do, you lose your bishop. What is a better move than Rxe5 ?

You play BLACK



11. 59347 black Rac8+ Kd2. Now what do you see for black?

You play BLACK



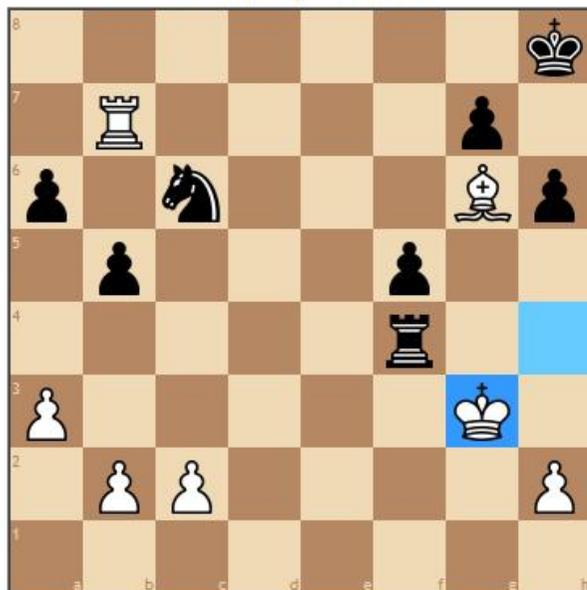
12. 47786 White just took your rook with bxa3. What is your answer?

You play BLACK



13. 50531 White just moved his king from h4 to g3. What is your answer? (hint: forks are good).

You play BLACK



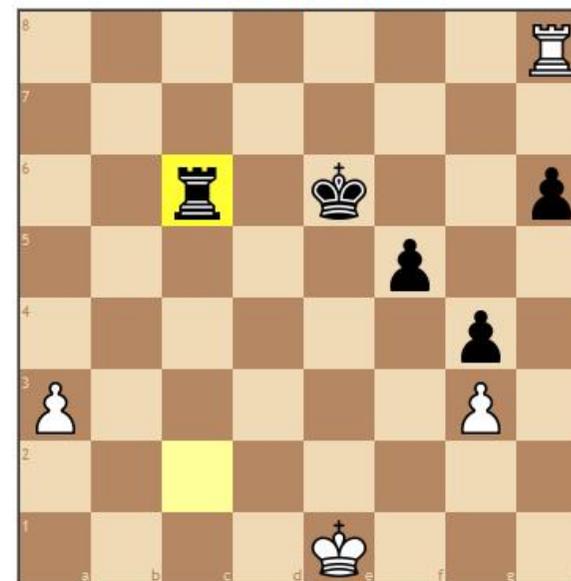
14. 52587 black just took your c6 pawn. what is your answer? (hint: think Fork).

You play WHITE



15. 65703 Black just took your c pawn. MISTAKE. what is your answer? How will you win after that?

You play WHITE



16. 61162 White just played Kf1 to guard his rook. Your move is?

You play BLACK



1. Of course, Qg5+ can be met two ways: Kd8 Qd7# or Kb8 Nd7+ Forking king and queen.

4. 1. ... f3! And after 2. Nxf3 before you take the knight, what do you play? answer later.

7. Right, seeing as black left both pawns unguarded, Qxf5+ followed by Qxd5 leaves white winning by a clear margin. HOW will you win from here?

10. right, the forking move, Bd4- attacking both rook and knight wins the knight after the rook moves. Better than ... Rxe5 bxc5 with chances for both to win or draw.

13. 1. ... Rg4+ will win a bishop for no cost.

4. Of course, 2. ... Qg4+ 3. Kh1 Rxf3 and white cannot stop Rh3# next.

16. 1. ... Bc5! leaves white with no answer. Poor development costs you games. Notice how undeveloped the c1 bishop remains.

17. 59901 White just took a c6 pawn. Look for which piece is not guarded, do you see a possible line for a check? Look deep into it.

You play BLACK



1. Rxf3?? Qd4+ 2. Any Qxa1 winning a rook.

5. 1. ... Qe4 with mate threat 2. f3 (Forced) Qd4+ 3. e3 Qxd2 wins a bishop cleanly. How will you win the rest of this game from here?

8. you are behind by one pawn, but see that Bf3 skewers the black bishop as it is unguarded and cannot be guarded when black's queen moves.

11. A set of forcing moves is always good. After 1. Kd2 Bb4+ 2. Kd1 do you take the rook or is there something better here? Answer later.

14. Bxc6+ wins a rook next move.

11. yes, 2. ... Bxa2 threatens Bb3# 3. Rxa2 but now, Rxc1+ forces 4. Kxc1 and after d2+ 5. Kc2 dxe1=Q and black will win handily.

17. YES. 1. ... Rf8 (battery on f2) forces 2. Qc2 Now Qb7 forces white's rook away from c6 allowing an exposed check when the f3 rook moves. Or double check. Black wins a rook (on c6).

18. 59545 black just played Re8? What do you see preventing you from playing Qf6 heading for the winning position of Qg7 with a bishop on h6? Can you remove the guard?

You play WHITE



3. Qxf5 wins a knight. Now, how will you win the rest of this game?

6. Well, yes, pin the queen to the king by Bb5.

9. Of course, since your c1 rook guards your pawn, you can push the pawn, interfering with connection between b7 queen and d5 rook and take the rook next move.

12. 1. ... Bxa3+ 2. Kb2 Nc3+ 3. Kb1 and now, will you take his bishop Nxe2 or just take the rook Nxd1? which gives you more material ???

15. 2. Rxh6+ Kd5 3. Rxc6 and now how will you win? Also, for added learning: instead of taking your c pawn, if black played f4, he could draw. How?

18. Yes. 2. Rxe5 removes black's bishop, winning material for free, and breaking black's position. There is only one way black can stop Qf6 and that gives white the bishop for free.

