

CHESS CLASS HOMEWORK Class 6.

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. 55182 Black has attacked white's queen. Can you force black's king to line up on an open file so that you can use your rook as well (Rd1) to attack him?

You play WHITE



2. 56540 White took black's h6 pawn. but white's position has 'holes', overloaded defenders, and problems. How can black exploit those ?

You play BLACK



3. 53417 White is defending his f2 pawn, but can black bear in, strip away defenders - forking queen and rook? Or play Qxf2#

You play BLACK



4. 53478 Never help your opponent develop his pieces or increase their attack potential. Here, white has pushed his f pawn and allowed black an opportunity. What white piece is not guarded? Can black attack it?

You play BLACK



5. 52195 1. ... Qe7 prepares an 'exposed check' on white's king. What is your aggressive response? (hint: a check might be good to win material).

You play WHITE



6. 60851 White just played exd5 exposing an attack on black's queen. What does white have that is not guarded, and can you find a way to attack any of his pieces? (hint: a check/fork is effective).

You play BLACK



7. 50779 Black just played f7-f5. Should you take his pawn en passant? If you do, what can he do about it, and what are your threats?

You play WHITE



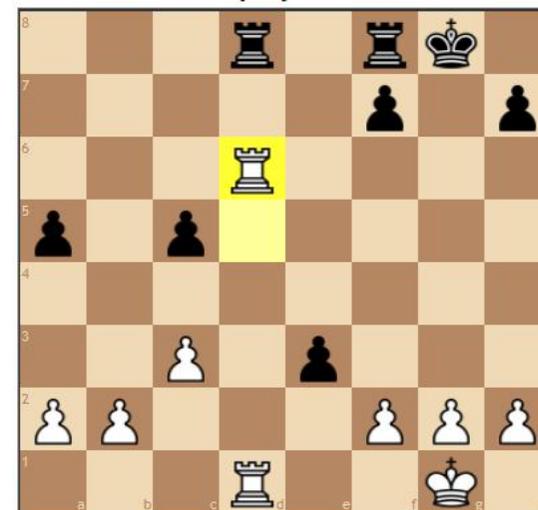
8. 46959 Black just took your e pawn (Nxe4). Do you see a line reaching his king and also his knight? Can his Knight recover to block the diagonal check?

You play WHITE



9. 49254 White just captured your bishop on d6. What is your response? (he threatens your rook with his 'supported' rook, is this a real threat?)

You play BLACK



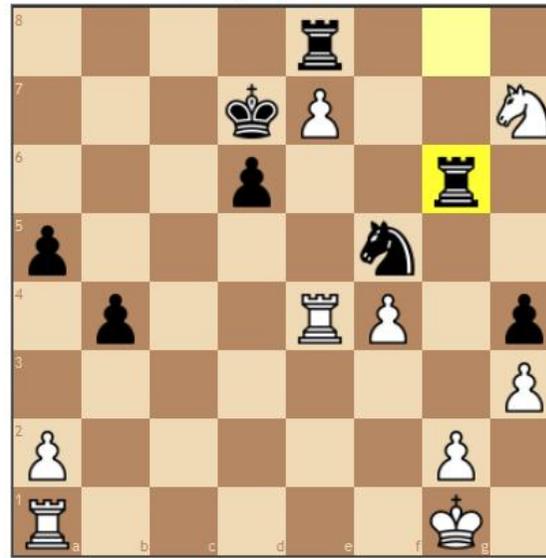
10. 55597 Pins, Forks and Skewers. All are powerful. Of these, the fork can win material very fast. Do you have a fork available?

You play WHITE



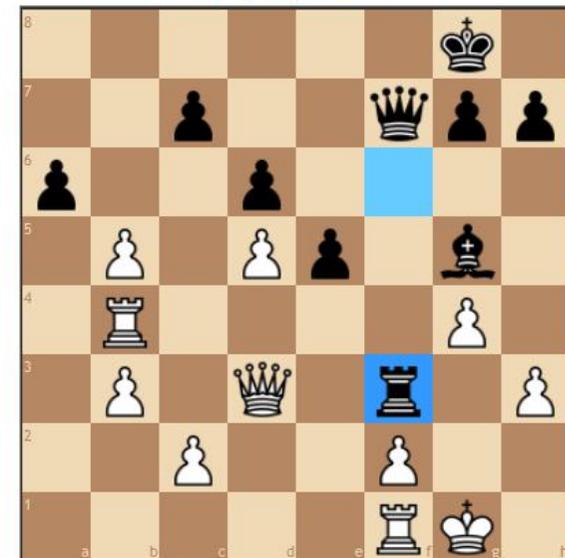
11. 53586 Black has moved his rook to g6 to prevent the forking move, Ne6. What is your move? (hint: another Fork?)

You play WHITE



12. 59089 Black is attacking your queen. Is there a better move than just moving your queen out of being attacked?

You play WHITE



13. 64870 black could have drawn the ending, after Q(h3)f3. How would he have accomplished that? Instead, he played Qd3+; now how does white win?

You play WHITE



14. 60642 Black just blocked your pawn with his rook (Re8). But that is a mistake, because nothing guards the rook. Can you find a tactical attack – involving a fork?

You play WHITE



15. 60460 Black just developed his bishop – Bb7. Can you take his e pawn? why or why not? Do you see any threats to black's king after he recaptures your knight? What is the threat?

You play WHITE



<p>1. Yes. Nxd6+ after Qxd6 (the best move for black), white has Qxf7+ forcing Kd8 and letting white play Rd1 pinning black's queen to his king. If instead: +9.15 12. ... Kd8 13. Qa5+ Kd7 14. Qb5+ Kc7 15. Qc5+ Kd8 16. O-O-O Nd7 17. Nxf7+ Ke8 18. Qxe7+ Bxe7 19. Nxh8 Bc5 20. Kd2 Or +9.02 12. ... Kd7 13. Qb5+ Kc7 14. Qc5+ Kd8 15. O-O-O Nd7 16. Nxf7+ Ke8 17. Qxe7+ Kxe7 18. Nxh8 Kf6 19. Nf7 Nb6 white wins these as well.</p>	<p>2. 1. ... Bxh6 double attacks white's f pawn. After 2. Kxh3 (or Kg3) white has another weakness – his c pawn – now pinned to his king. If white has to move his knight, black can take the c pawn (creating another passed pawn on c4) and pinning white's bishop to his rook. If 2. Kxh3 Nxf4+ forks king and knight and after 3. Nxf4 Bxf4 increases white's problems faster than 3. Rxc3+</p> <p>How will you play black to win after this position?</p>	<p>3. 1. ... Bxd2+ forces 2. Ke2 (2. Bxd2 loses to Qxf2#) (2. Qxd2 loses to Nxd2) Bxe3 removes the defender for f2 and after 3. Kxe3 Nxf2 forks the queen and rook.</p> <p>Now: Return to starting position and look at it until you can "see" the moves in your mind.</p>
<p>4. by taking as much as possible. 1. f3? exf3 exposes the white knight to be taken by black's queen. After 2. Rxf3 Rxf3 3. gxf3 black can take it Qxe3+ how will you play black pieces to win from here?</p>	<p>5. 2. Qa4+ and if Nc6, 3. dxc6 if 2. c6 then 3. Qxa5 wins material. After exd5 4. Be2 saves your bishop and blocks the check. How will you play the rest of this game to win it from here?</p>	<p>6. 1. Qc5+ and if Nd4 cxd3 wins a piece. White should have retreated his bishop instead of attacking the black d pawn. after cxd3 how would you win? Second question: If instead of Nd4 white played Rf2 -- how will you play black to win the position?</p>
<p>7. 2. exf6 e.p. Now what can black do? If Nxf6 3. Rxe6+ Be7 4. Ne5 Nxe5 5. dxe5 Ne4 6. Qh5+ Kf8 7. Rxh6 Rxh6 8. Qxh6+ Kg8 and a splendid position for white. How will you win from here?</p>	<p>8. No, so play the check, Qa4+ and take his knight next move. You have a retreat for your queen to guard your knight, so you need not fear black playing Bc6 to "look" at your queen and knight and h1 rook.</p>	<p>9. yes, it is real, but you meet it head-on with Rxd6 and if white plays Rxd6 a 'quiet move' a simple e2 (instead of exf3+) will allow you to queen your pawn next move – winning.</p>
<p>10. Yes, you have e5, winning a piece for a pawn. BUT and here is where you really learn: What will you play after: 2. e5 if Bc7 exf6 how will you win? Or if 2. e5 Nd5 exd6 how will you win?</p>	<p>11. 2. Nf8+ is unanswerable, Black will lose a rook if he moves his king, and allow you to queen your pawn if he takes your knight (Rxf8).</p> <p>How will you win after 2. ... Kc6 3. Nxc6</p>	<p>12. yes, there is. Did you find bxa6, a disarmingly powerful move for white. What happens after Rxd3 ?</p>
<p>13. 1. Bd6+ and after 2. Kf7 did you find c7 threatening to queen the pawn next move?</p>	<p>14. Yes, a demand response fork is always good – as the opponent must deal with the check. Qg6 works well after Kh8 - you win the rook. What if black plays Qg7 to block your check? How will you play that? What if black plays Kf8 ? how will you play then?</p>	<p>15. Yes, 2. Nxe5! Wins. If Nxe5? 3. Qh5+ and if 3. ... Ke7 what is the rest of your attack? If 3. ... Ng6, did you find Re1+ and a splendid attack involving what moves? _____</p>