

CHESS CLASS HOMEWORK Class 9.

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.

Return to the position for number 25, and look at it until you “see” all the moves in your mind. NOW you are really learning to ‘play chess’. It is a mind game, not a board game. Until you can ‘see’ the positions develop in your mind, you are not really playing chess.

1. 101503 When the enemy queen is trapped, ‘hammer’ her. Of course, do not let your own queen become trapped...

You play WHITE



2. 77162 do not ‘overprotect’ a pawn or piece when you have pieces ‘en prise’ (under attack).

You play BLACK



3. 73088 Black just took your h pawn, what do you see for a tactic? Hint: Exposed attack on his queen – with a forcing ‘check’.

You play WHITE



4. 100400 black just took your knight on a3.
What is your response?

You play WHITE



5. 54073 no clues. Black just moved a pawn to a3.
What do you see and what is your move now?

You play WHITE



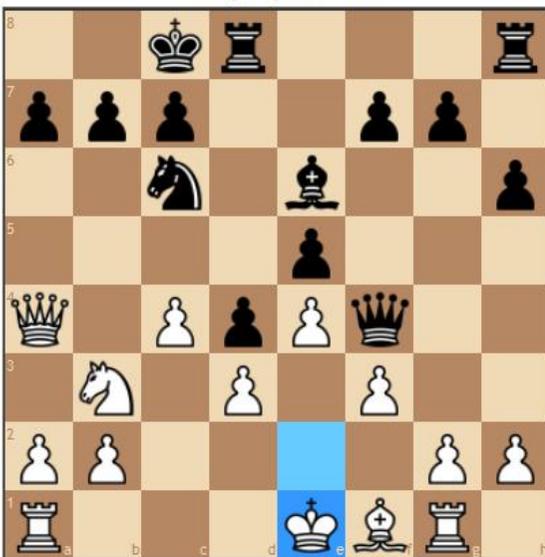
6. 95212 Your queen appears to be in trouble here and may be exchanged. BUT: a zwischenzug (in between move) changes the structure and you will win easily. How?

You play WHITE



7. 89904 What does white have that is NOT GUARDED right now? Ahh the h1 rook. What is your move? 2nd hint: Fork/+

You play BLACK



8. 104338 IF BLACK CASTLES now, what would you play as white? What essential function is his king doing before it castles ?

You play WHITE



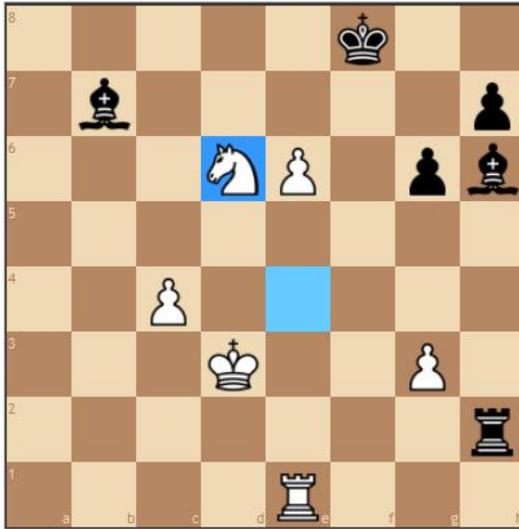
9. 72910 Black has doubled his attackers on your bishop. But what skewer move do you spy?

You play WHITE



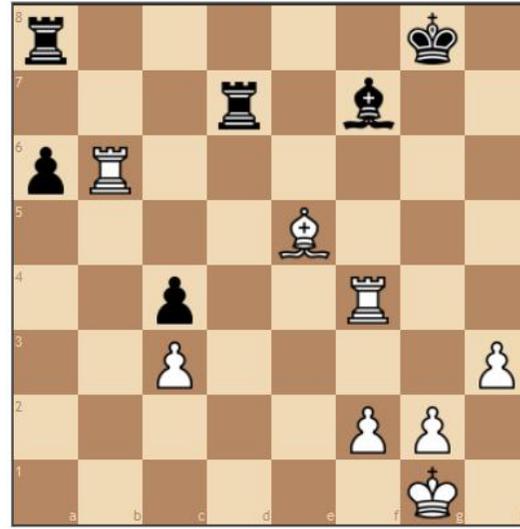
10. 85577 Another Skewer. What of white's is not guarded? He has just attacked your bishop. Your move is?

You play BLACK



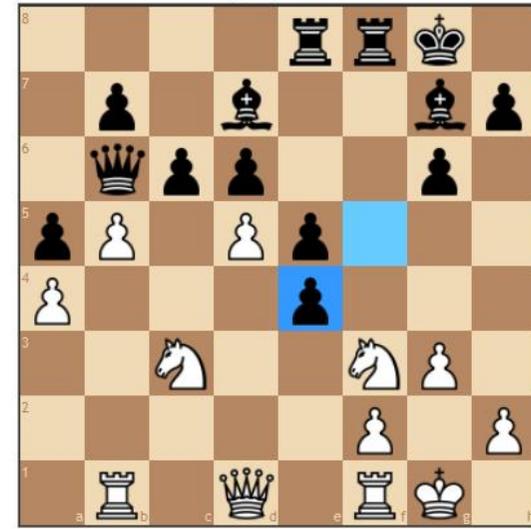
11. 72297 Noticing what pieces are NOT GUARDED, you decide on a 3 move sequence to win a loose rook on a8. How?

You play WHITE



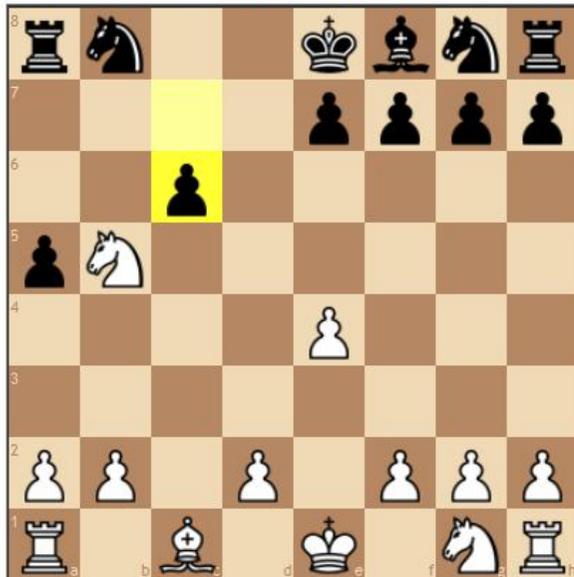
12. 64964 Black just took your pawn. You found Nxe4, or exd6, both 'good' move. IS there a 'better' move?

You play WHITE



13. 104297 Black attacked your knight. But did he stop you from playing the fork?

You play WHITE



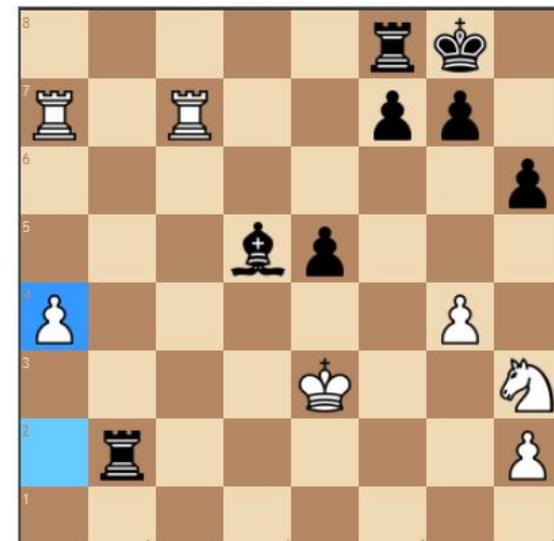
14. 99070 Black just played the fork/+ move, Qa5+. What great move do you see after the queens are exchanged? Find it before moving.

You play WHITE



15. 98786 What is not guarded (unguarded) right now? Oh yes, a knight and a pawn. Should you take the pawn, or skewer the knight?

You play BLACK



16. 78827 Pins, forks and Skewers. Which do you see?

You play WHITE



NEVER Line up on the diagonal of opponent's remaining bishop. NEVER NEVER NEVER.

17. 79630 You lost your queen, your knight is attacked. A strong attack forces black to exchange his queen for your bishop. Why? What happens if he moves his king after Ba6+ ?

You play WHITE



18. 61913 Not as easy as it looks. Black's knight just advanced to attack f2. What do you do? You need to find the 'first move' to solve this one, but have ideas for the rest of your moves, and consider f2?

You play WHITE



19. 52851 White carelessly moved his king to g3. What great move do you see now? Hint: Skewer.

You play BLACK



20. 87303 White attacked your queen and skewered your rook. Do you move your queen or attack? If you attack, How?

You play BLACK

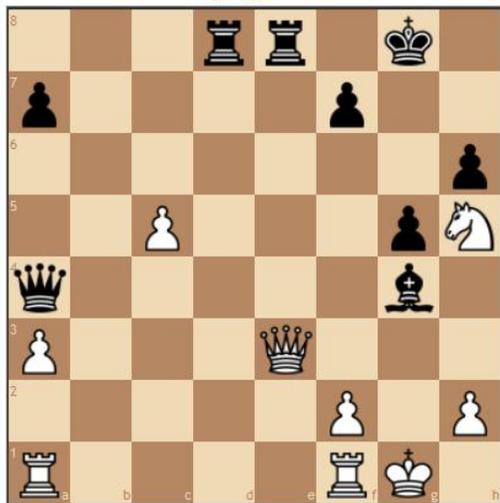


21. 57479 White attacked your queen. Do you retreat to a6 or (a strong defense is usually a sharp attack. What is unguarded or can be double attacked?)

You play BLACK



22. 76790 Black just played Bg4, exposed attack on white's queen. White should NOT PANIC and simply play ____ what? Hint: zwischenzug (an In-between-move) and create a strong attack.



23. 76790 white panicked, and moved his queen to g3 to get out of line with a rook. Wrong move. What is your move here? You play black this time.

You play BLACK



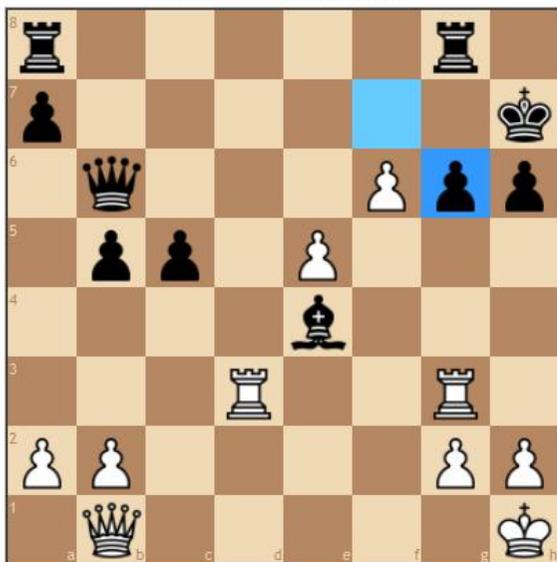
24. 52687 White is in a bind. How do you increase the 'bind'? hint: threaten mate by Qxf2#

You play BLACK



25. 68858 Your rook is pinned to your queen. NO PANIC. Strong attack, + is strongest, do you have one? What next?

You play WHITE



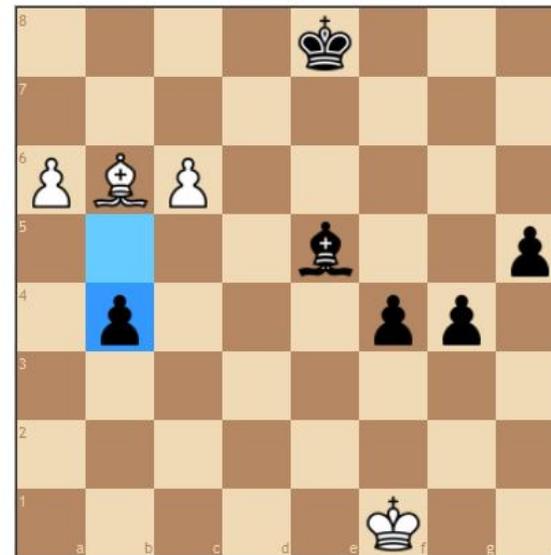
26. 67170 After h7+ black was forced to capture the pawn. that allows what tactical shots? hint: exposed check combined with attack on an unguarded piece.

You play WHITE



27. 72689 black played b4, what do you play? Think: queen the pawn. Bbut if he had played Bb8, what would you do?

You play WHITE



ANSWERS: Lesson 9				
1. Ba5! Bxb5 2. cxb5 and off with the black queen next move.		2. axb5 BUT NOW: How will you play this out to win as black?		1. ... Nxf6+ as gxf6 loses the queen anyway, black takes with his queen. But: how would you play either of those lines as white, to win the rest of the game?
4. Of course, 1. Qxa3. Queens move back as well as forward and sideways.		5. I hope you noticed his queen is nearly out of places to run to, and played the effective move, 1. g4 !! it will win the queen, if Qh4 then Bg3 works.		6. Rf7+ is that move. After the black king goes to his first rank, (disconnecting his rooks), you take the rook for a winning advantage. How will you win from here as white? Play it out with a friend.
7. Qe3+ Kd1 Qxh1 wins, but how will you play now to finish the game?		8. Right, if black castles here, simply play Qxd7 winning a piece outright.		9. Right. Bxa4 – skewering the rook. After black’s queen moves, you take his rook, winning the exchange. How will you win from here?
10. Right on. Rd2 2. Kc3 Rxd6 winning the piece. NOW how will you win the rest of this position/game?		11. 1. Rh6 Kf8 (to avoid checkmate), 2. Rh8+ Ke7 3. Rxh8 and winning.		12. Yes, there is. A capture with exposed attack. bxc6 with exposed attack on the black queen How will you continue? Be very careful here. 19. bxc6 Qxb1 20. Qxb1 Bh3 21. Nxe4 Bxf1 22. Nxd6 Ra8 23. cxb7 Rab8 24. Qe4 Ba6
13. no, fork him with Nc7+ and take his rook next move.		14. 1. ... Qa5+?? 2. Qxa5 Nxa5, but now, there is no escape for that knight, after 3. b4 !! .		15. a Skewer works well to win the knight. Rb3+ K moves, Rxh3 winning a piece and now, black should be able to win but how will YOU play it? 36. ... Rb3+ 37. Kf2 Rxh3 38. Rc5 Rxh2+ 39. Kg3 Rg2+ 40. Kh3 Bf3 41. Rxe5 Rxc4 42. Ree7 f5 43. Rad7 Rxa4 44. Rxg7+
16. Bb2 Winning the rook for free.		17. One of the best, after Ba6+ if Kb8 Be5+ Ka8 Bb7# After Ba6+ Qxa6 Nxa6, how will white win the rest of this position?		18. black loses all lines. Even though his attack on f2 looks fearsome. rnb1kN2/p5p1/1qpp3p/1pb5/4P1n1/1BN5/PPPP1PPP/R1BQ1RK1 b q - 0 1 Analysis by Deep Fritz 8: 1. +- (5.60): 2...Kxf8 3.d4 Bxd4 4.Be3 Bc5 5.Bxc5 Qxc5 6.Nxb5 cxb5 7.Qd5 Qxd5 8.Bxd5 2. +- (7.59): 2...d5 3.exd5 Qc7 4.Re1+ Kd8 5.g3 Qf7 6.Rf1 Nxf2 7.Qe2 Qxf8 8.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 9.Qxf2 3. +- (7.96): 2...Bxf2+ 3.Kh1 Nf6 4.Ne6 Bxe6 5.Bxe6 Bd4 6.Ne2 Nbd7 7.c3 Bf2 8.Bxd7+ Nxd7 9.d4 Bh4 10.Qb3 4. +- (8.38): 2...b4 3.Ne6 Bxe6 4.Bxe6 Bxf2+ 5.Kh1 Nf6 6.Na4 Qd4 5. +- (8.67): 2...Nxf2 3.Qh5+ Kd8 4.Qg6 d5 5.Ne6+ Bxe6 6.Qxe6 dxe4 7.Qg8+ Kc7 8.Qxg7+ Nd7 9.Qg3+ Kb7 10.Rxf2 Re8 11.Ne2
19. ... Be1+ works well for black by skewering the queen.		20. Bc5+ exposes your rook to white’s queen, but check forces the king to move. What next?		21. right. The undefended rook on b2 and the once-defended knight on c3. ... Qxa3, pinning the knight to the d3 queen, attacking the rook and second attacker on the knight. What next?
22. White should play: Nf6+ forking king and rook that attacks his queen, take the rook next move. Instead, he panicked. See next one.		23. right, just take the knight, and now, black wins.		24. right on, ... Qxb2 and mate cannot be stopped, only slowed by Ra2 Qxa2 and follows soon, how?
25. Yes, 1. Rd7+ Kh8 2. Qxe4 wins a piece by staying cool, collected, and refusing panic.		26. Bd4 exposed check, and take his rook next move.		27. a7 queens fastest. But if Bb8 instead of b4, c7 wins the bishop and you queen anyway.

I hope you like these, and find your skills rising when you go into tactics trainer and have a clock running on you. RetGuvvie98