



Chess Puzzles

Volume 3

Medium



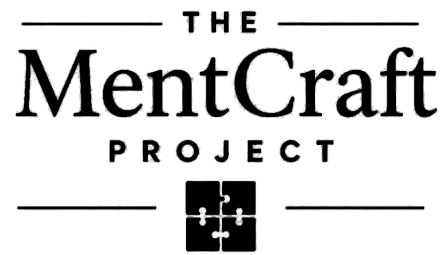
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Find the Best Move - Complete Answer Key

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For David

My son, you have a wonderful mind.
Always remain curious and never assume you know everything.

How to Get the Most Out of This Book

Every MentCraft collection starts from a simple idea: different minds grow stronger in different ways. Chess has a special place in that family. A single position can ask you to notice a hidden threat, compare tempting ideas, calculate a few moves ahead, and then trust the line that survives your own questions. It brings together pattern recognition, calculation, imagination, and the quiet satisfaction of seeing a position clearly.

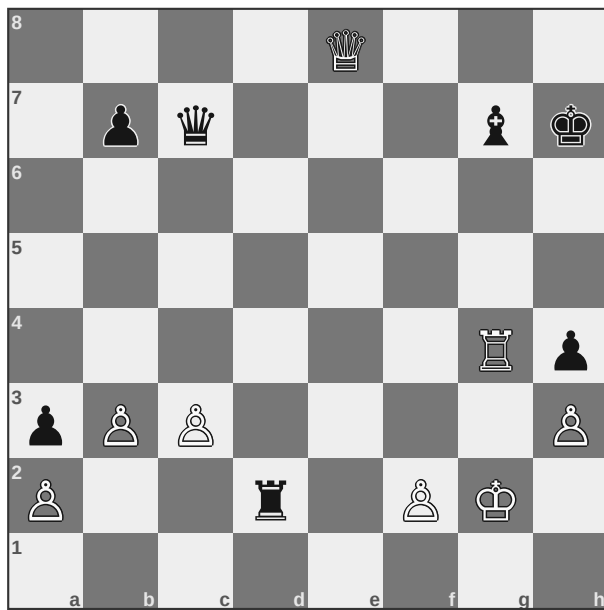
Each puzzle in this book asks one simple question: What is the best move? White is always shown at the bottom of the board, and the label beneath the diagram tells you whose turn it is. Before you turn to the solutions, give the position a little time. Look for checks, captures, threats, loose pieces, vulnerable kings, and tactical patterns - but don't stop at the first move that looks good. Ask what your opponent would play next.

This Medium volume is designed to strengthen calculation and pattern recognition as the positions become less immediate. Some ideas will still appear quickly; others will ask you to compare two or three plausible moves and follow the consequences a little further. The aim is not only to solve more puzzles, but to become more systematic, more accurate in your calculation, and more comfortable rejecting attractive moves that do not survive a careful reply. If a puzzle resists the first idea you see, that resistance is part of the training.

You'll find 400 main puzzles and 50 bonus puzzles, followed by complete solutions in standard algebraic notation. In the solutions, x marks a capture, + a check, # checkmate, and O-O / O-O-O castling. Every published position is carefully checked for legality and a clear best move. Use the My Notes line whenever it helps you compare ideas, remember a pattern, or capture the reason a move works. Take your time, enjoy the process, and let every position make the next one a little easier to see.

Puzzle 001

EASY

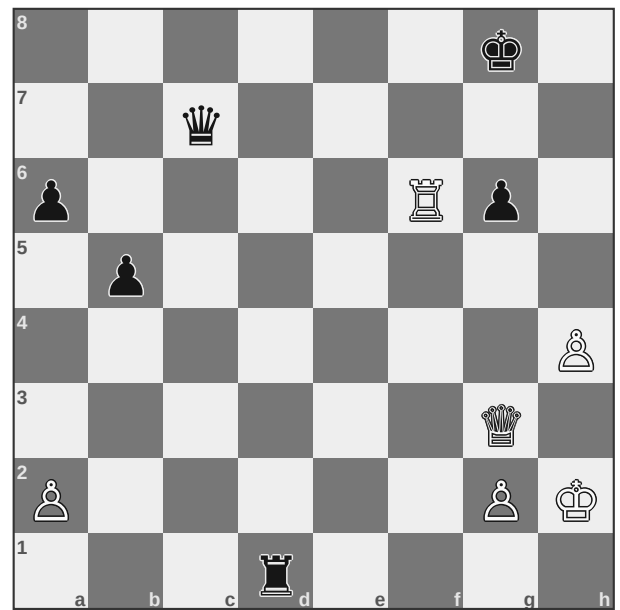
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 002

EASY

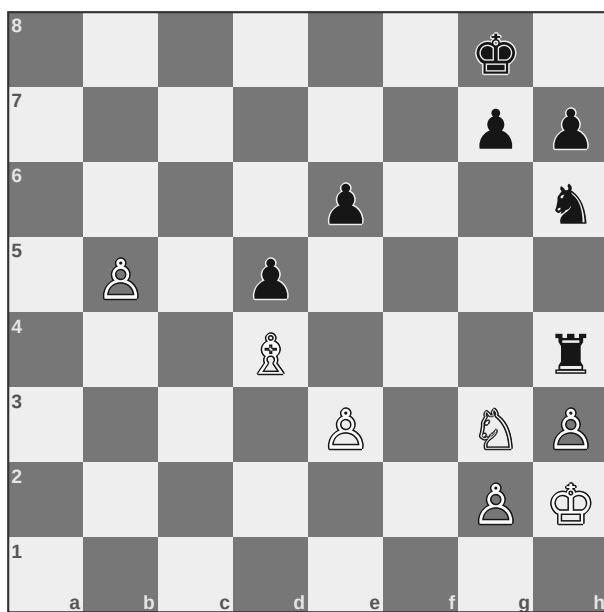
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 003

EASY

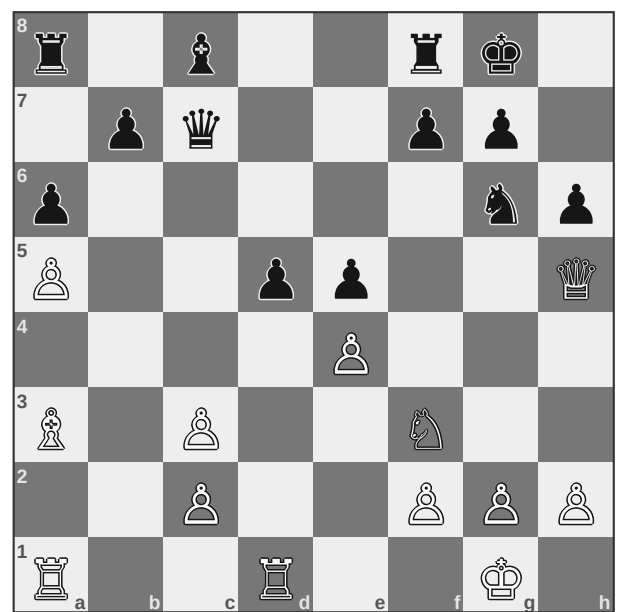
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 004

EASY

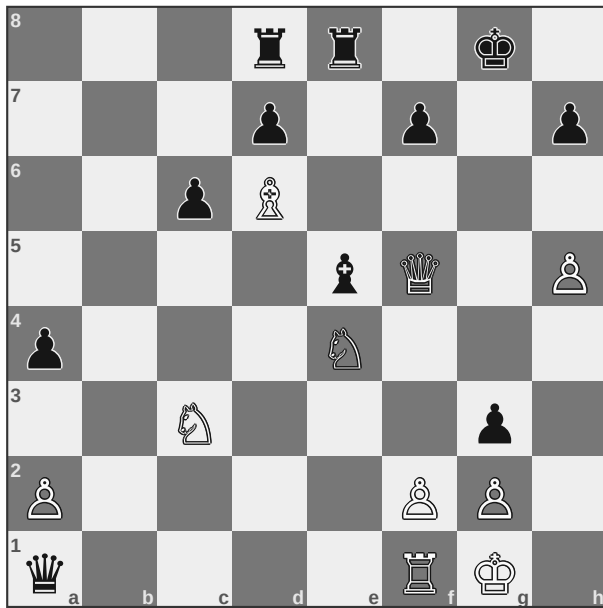
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 005

EASY

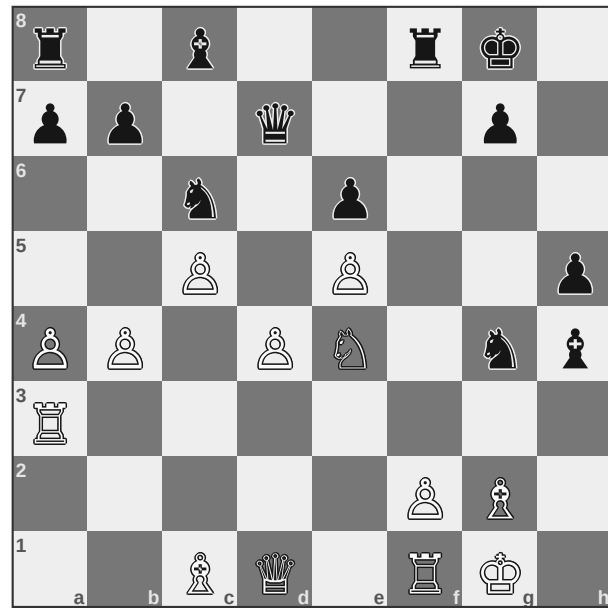
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 006

EASY

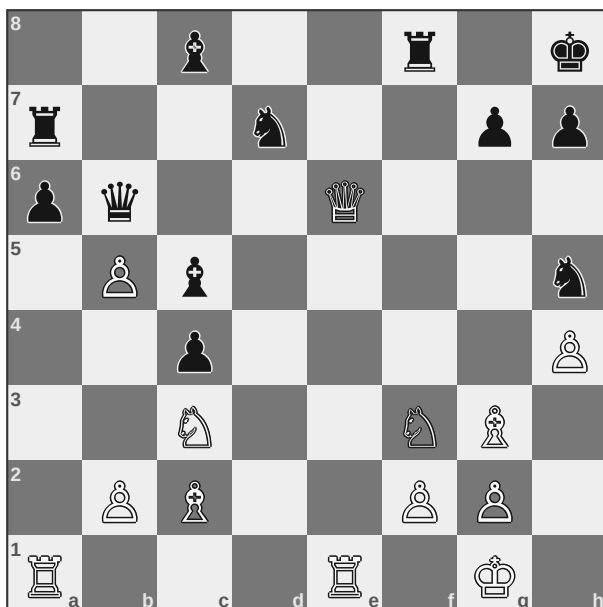
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 007

EASY

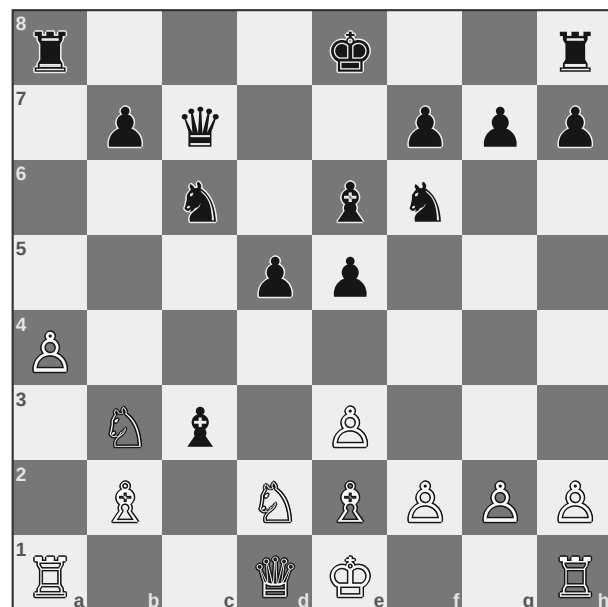
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 008

EASY

**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

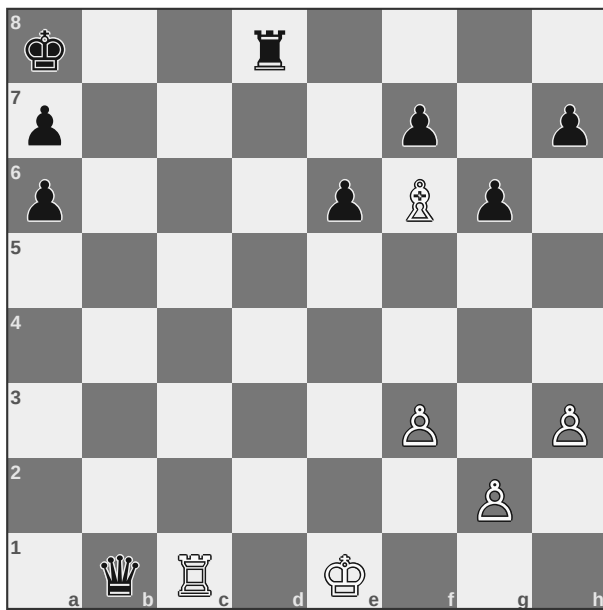
My Notes: _____

BONUS PUZZLES

Our gift to you for choosing this book.
50 extra Medium positions to keep your momentum going.

Puzzle 401

EASY

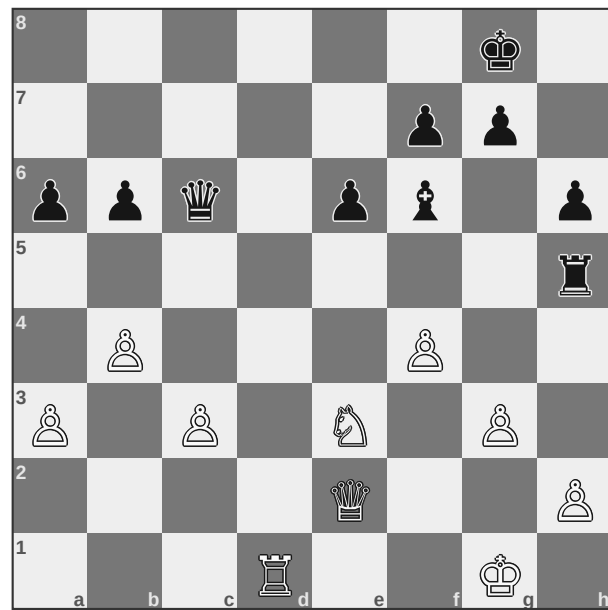
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 402

EASY

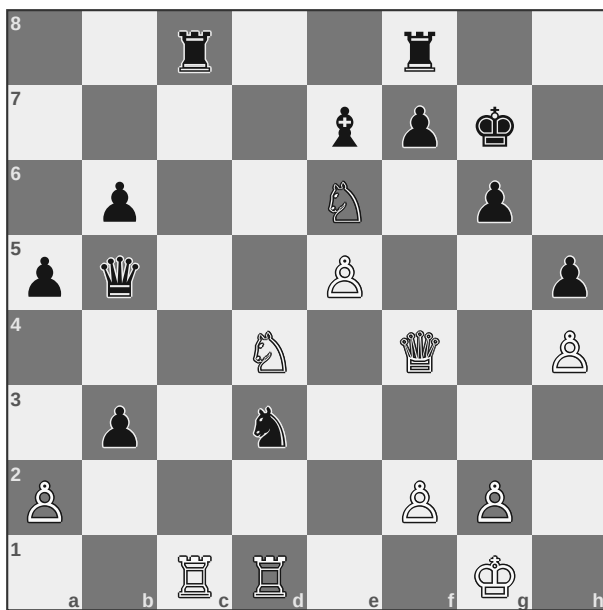
**WHITE TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 403

EASY

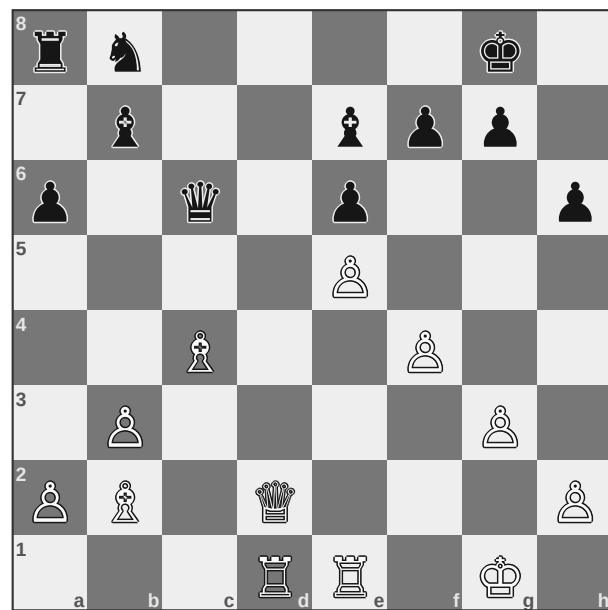
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 404

EASY

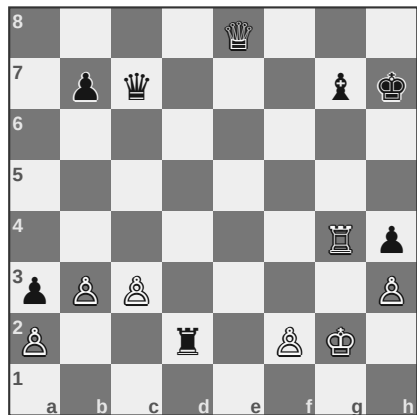
**BLACK TO MOVE**

Find the best move.

My Notes: _____

Puzzle 001

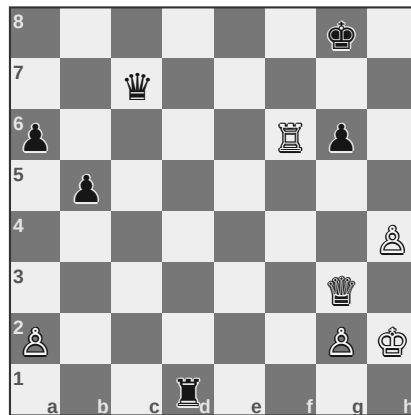
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50... Qc6+ 51. Qxc6 bxc6 52. Rxh4+

Puzzle 002

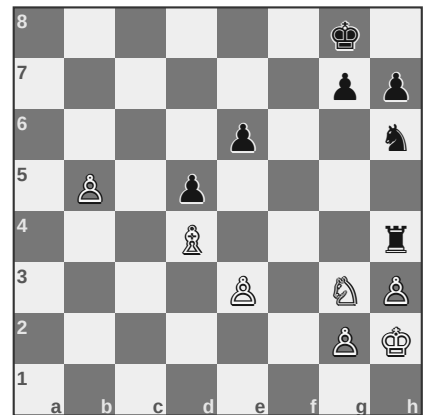
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55... Rh1+ 56. Kxh1 Qxg3 57. Rxa6

Puzzle 003

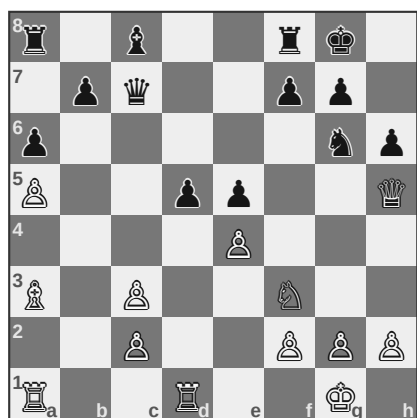
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43. b6 Ng4+ 44. Kg1 Nf6

Puzzle 004

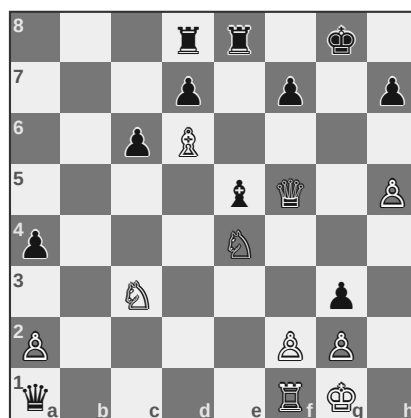
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19. Bxf8 Kxf8 20. exd5 Qxc3

Puzzle 005

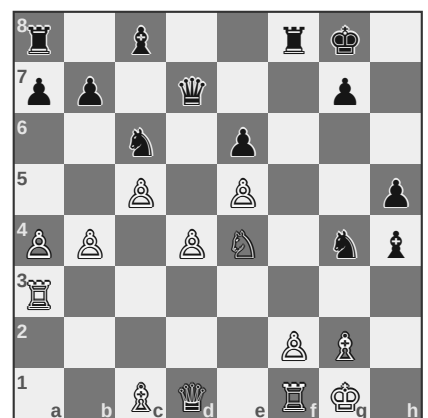
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27. Qg5+ Kh8 28. Bxe5+ Rxe5

Puzzle 006

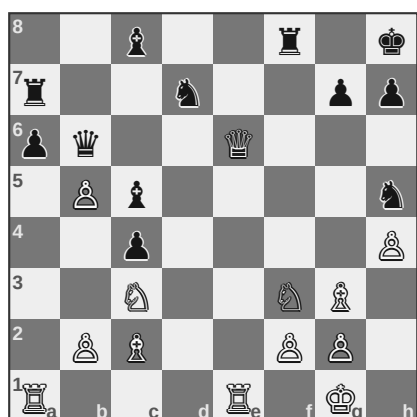
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20... Qxd4 21. Rd3 Qxe5 22. f4

Puzzle 007

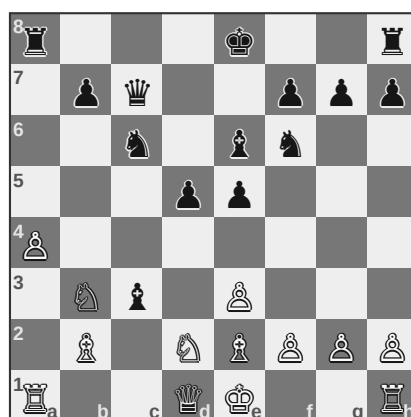
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25. Qxb6 Nxb6 26. Re5 Nxg3

Puzzle 008

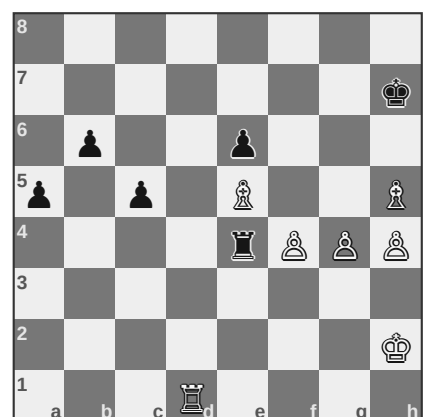
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14. Bxc3 d4 15. exd4 O-O

Puzzle 009

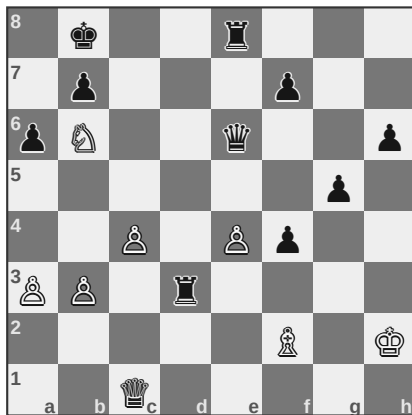
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39. Rd7+ Kh6 40. Bg7+ Kh7

Puzzle 442

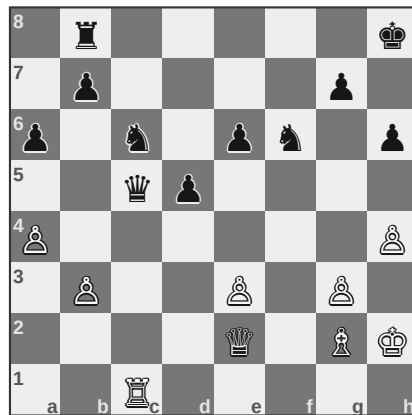
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41... Rh3+ 42. Kg1 Qg4+ 43. Bg3

Puzzle 443

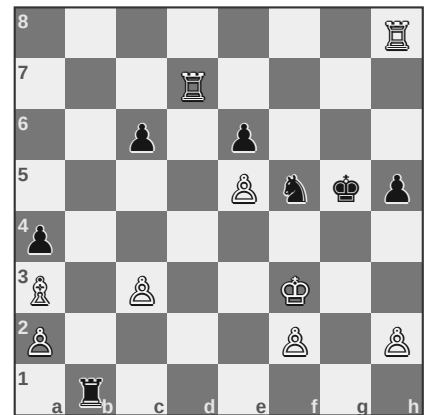
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35. Rxc5 Ne5 36. Kh1 Rf8

Puzzle 444

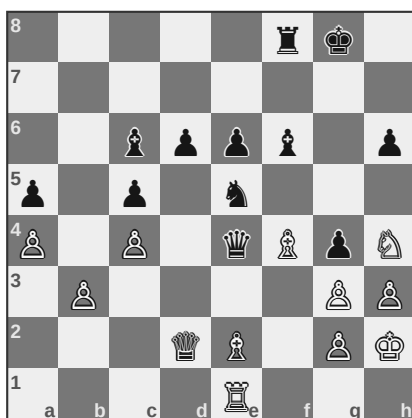
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32. Rg8+ Kh4 33. Rh7 Rb4

Puzzle 445

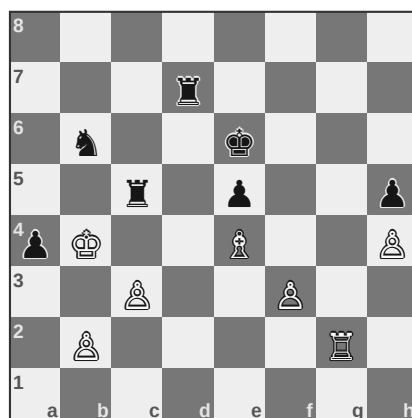
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29... Bxh4 30. Bxg4 Nxg4+ 31. hxc4

Puzzle 446

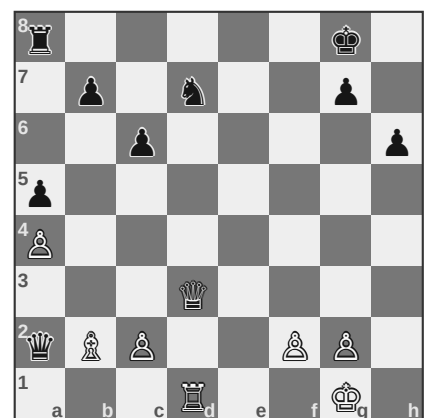
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55... Rc4+ 56. Kb5 Rd6 57. Rg6+

Puzzle 447

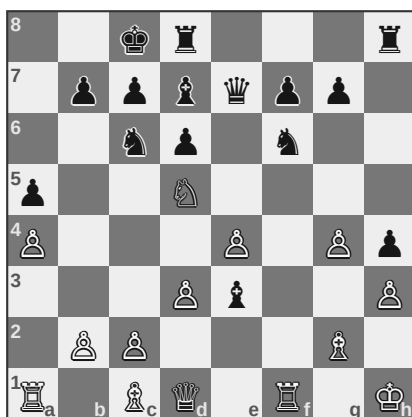
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27. Bxg7 Qf7 28. Bc3 Nf8

Puzzle 448

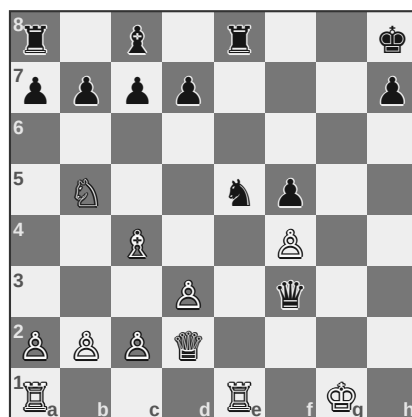
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18... Nxd5 19. exd5 Bxc1 20. dxc6

Puzzle 449

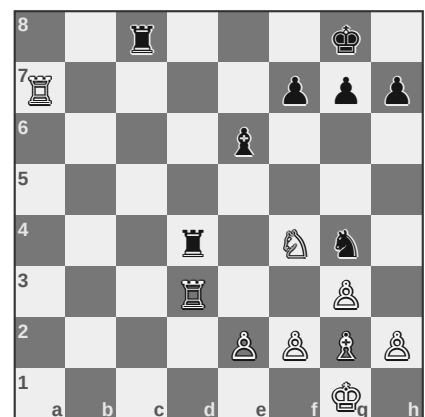
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28. Rxe5 Re6 29. Rxe6 dxe6

Puzzle 450

E



24. Rxd4 Bf5 25. Ra8 Rxa8

The MentCraft Project starts from a simple idea: a mind that's exercised regularly stays sharper, more curious, and more capable — but not every mind sharpens the same way. Some people think best in words, others in numbers, others in shapes and spatial patterns, others in sequences of logical steps. That's why MentCraft builds puzzle collections across many different formats, each one training a different kind of mental muscle.

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