Chess Notation Beginner Guide

These are the codes used for each of the pieces

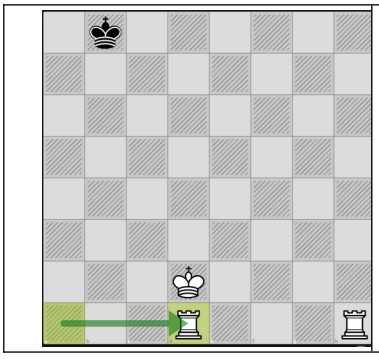
♔ ♚	♕ ♛	♖ ♜	♗ ♝	♘ ♞	♙ ♟
K	Q	R	B	N	(no letter)

These are the symbols used to indicate moves

Action	Symbol	Example
Move	(piece) + (square)	**Ra5** (Rook moves to a5)
Capture	x	**Qxd7** (Queen moves to d7 and captures the piece on that square) **cxd5** (Pawn on c file captures a piece on d5)
Check	+	**Bb5+** (Bishop moves to b5 and gives check)
Checkmate	#	**Nd4#** (Knight moves to d4 and delivers checkmate)
Pawn Promotion	=	**a8=Q** (Pawn moves to a8 and promotes to Queen)
Castle Kingside	O-O	
Castle Queenside	O-O-O	
White Win	1-0	
Black Win	0-1	
Draw/ Stalemate	½-½	
En Passant	e.p.	**bxa3 e.p.** (Pawn on b file captures the a3 pawn with en passant. Optional. Can also just write bxa3)

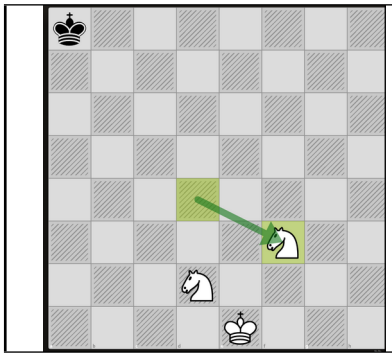
Special note

When two of the same piece type can move to the same square, write the original file (or rank when they are on the same file) *after* the piece name and *before* the new square.



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Rook on the "**a**" file moves to **d1**

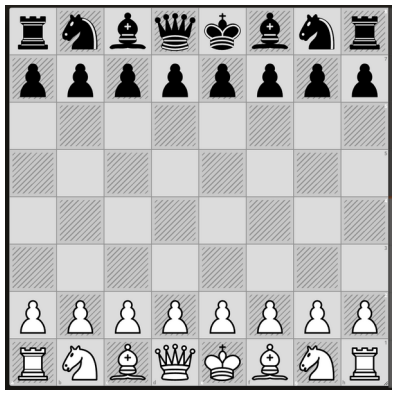
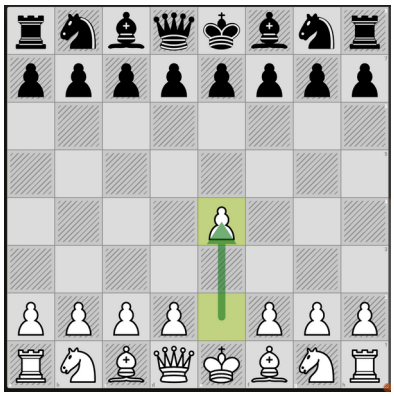


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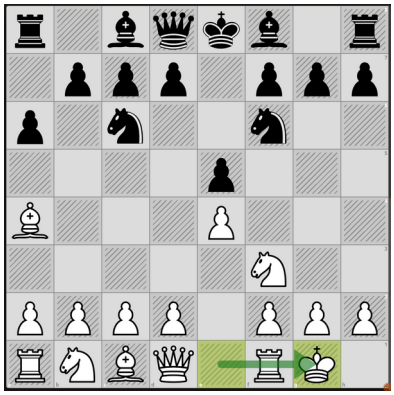
Knight on the **4th** rank moves to **f3**

Test your knowledge!

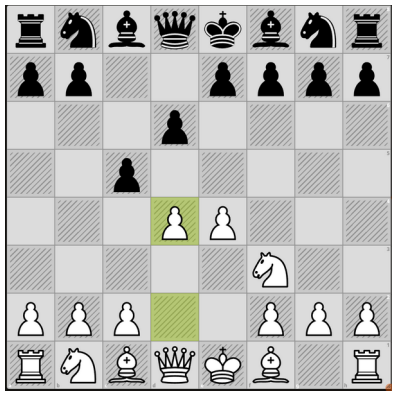
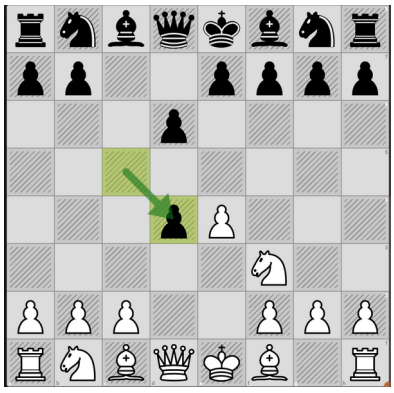
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		Hint: • Pawns do not have a letter • Pay attention to the rank (number) and file (letter)

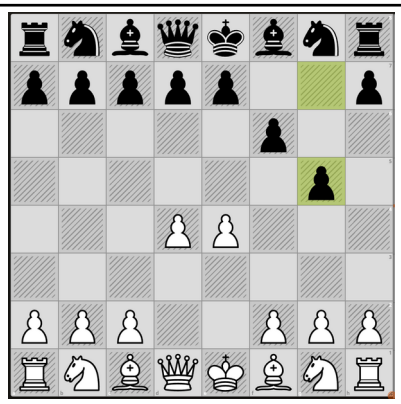
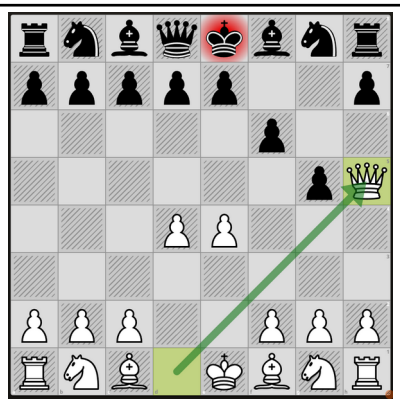
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		Hint: • The King did something special

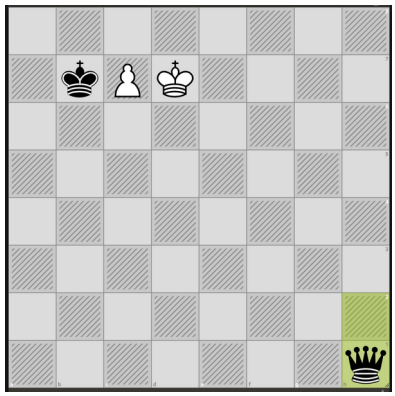
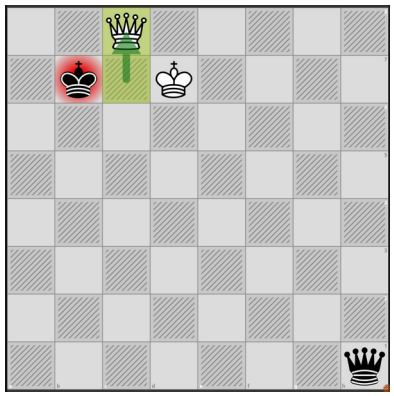
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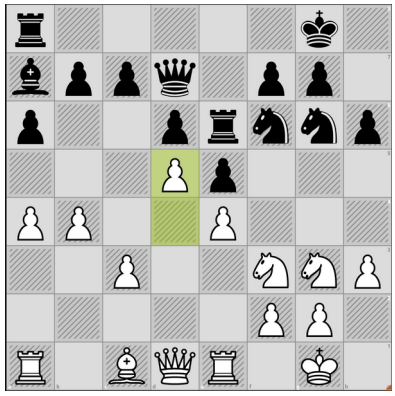
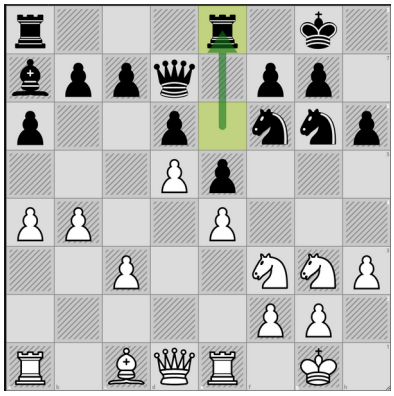
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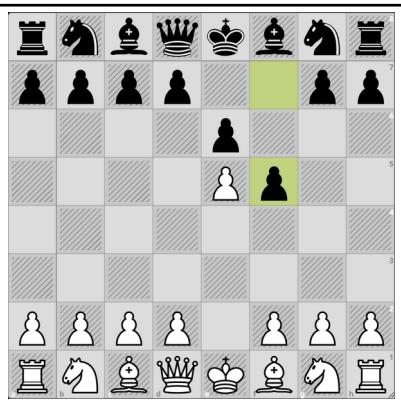
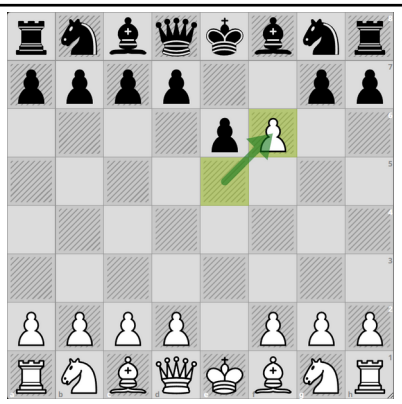
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		Hint: • The black King is in danger!

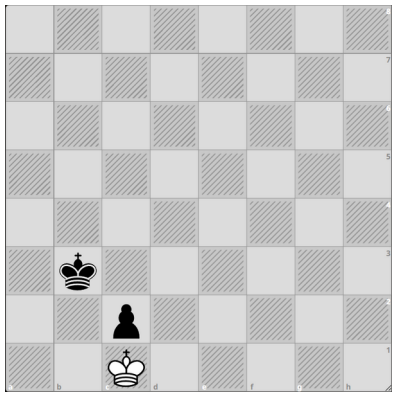
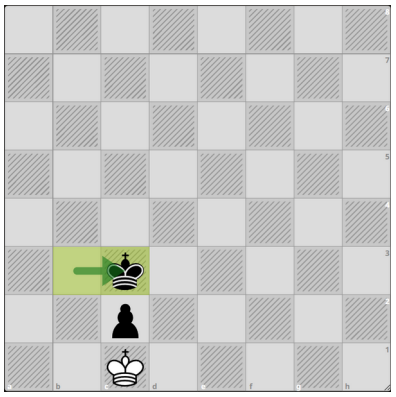
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		Hint: • There is more than one thing happening here

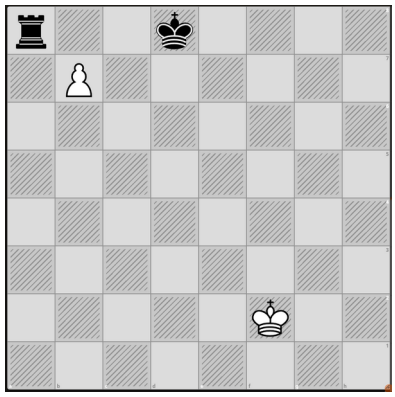
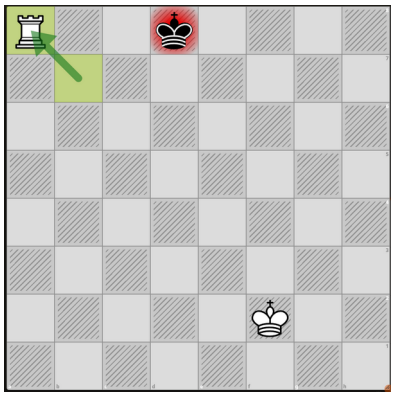
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		Hint: • *Which* Rook moved?

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7			Hint: • There are two ways to write this

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8			Hint: • What can white do?

Bonus Question – CHALLENGE

	From here	To here	You would write
9			Hint: • You don't have promote to a Queen

1. e4 2. O-O 3. cxd4 4. Qh5# 5. c8=Q+ 6. Ree8 7. exf4 (or exf4 e.p.) 8. Kc3 ½-½ 9. bxa8=R+