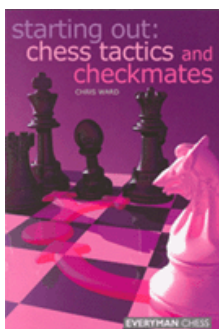




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You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting. Spaces are provided for answers to be written; occasionally there will be positions that allow for two similar moves from the defender.

Solve for Black to mate in five



[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p1bp/5qp1/2B5/2p3n1/2N5/PP4PP/R5K1 b - - 0 26"]

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Black mates in one

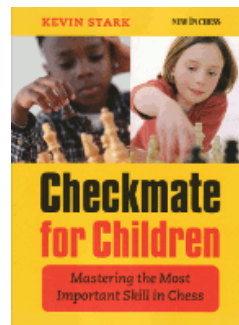
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[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p2p/6p1/8/2pb4/2N5/PP4PP/R2n3K b - - 0 30"]

1) \_\_\_\_\_

### Black mates in two



[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p2p/6p1/8/2pb4/2N5/PP3nPP/R5K1 b - - 0 29"]

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

### Black mates in three



[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p2p/6p1/8/2pb2n1/2N5/PP4PP/R6K b - - 0 28"]

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

### Black mates in four



[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p1bp/6p1/8/2pB2n1/2N5/PP4PP/R5K1 b - - 0 27"]

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_

### Black mates in five



[FEN "5rk1/1Q2p1bp/5qp1/2B5/2p3n1/2N5/PP4PP/R5K1 b - - 0 26"]

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Source Game: La Flamme-Moore, Manchester 1996

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