



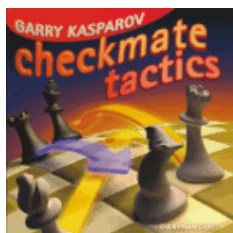
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Step by Step: Mate

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Step by Step: Mate is designed to improve your visualization skills. The premise is simple, try solving for mate from the first diagram. For best results, set the position up on the board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. If you are unable to solve for mate, refer to the diagrams below in which you can solve *Step by Step* for mate in one, mate in two, etc.

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.

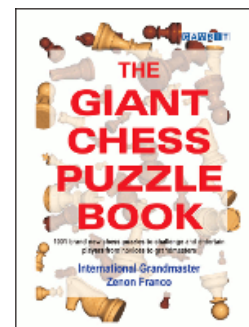
Solve for White to mate



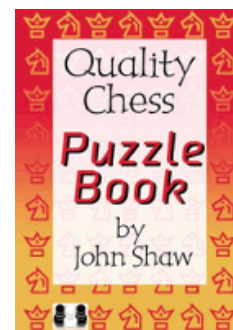
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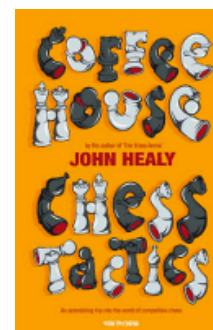
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White mates in one



[FEN "r4Br1/p1q2p1k/1p1R4/3pP2p/8/2p5/P1P1NPPP/6K1 w - - 0 27"]

1) _____

White mates in two



[FEN "r4Br1/p1q2p1k/1p1R2p1/3pP2b/7Q/2p5/P1P1NPPP/6K1 w - - 0 26"]

1) _____

2) _____

White mates in three



[FEN "r5r1/p1q2p1k/1p1R2pB/3pP3/6bQ/2p5/P1P1NPPP/6K1 w - - 0 25"]

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

Answer: In the game, White played 25.Nf4. Missing mate in three: **25.Bf8+!**
Bh5 26.Qxh5+ gxh5 27.Rh6# 1-0

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