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Step by Step: Tactics

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Step by Step: Tactics is designed to improve your basic tactical skills. For best results, play the position out over-the-board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting.

After the moves **1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.d5 Na5 6.Qa4+ c6 7.dxc6 Nxc6 8.e4 Bd7 9.Bxc4**, Black played **9...Ne5** with a discovered attack on the white queen. Why was this a mistake? (Note that it is White to move.)



[FEN "r2qkb1r/pp1bpppp/5n2/4n3/Q1B1P3/2N2N2/PP3PPP/R1B1K2R w KQkq - 0 10"]

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Circle the type of tactics that were involved in this puzzle:

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| Checkmate | Fork |
| Deflection | Pin |
| Discovered Attack | Removing the Guard |
| Double Attack | Skewer |
| En Prise | Trapped Piece |

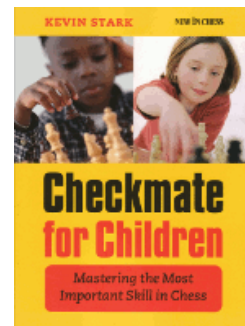
Source Game: Blum (2062) - Carrasco (2137), Paris 2000

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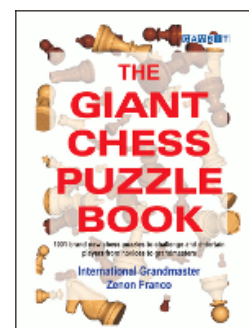
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