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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.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.c3 Nbd7 8.Ne5 b6 9.f4 Ne4, how did White win the game?



[FEN "r1bq1rk1/p2nbppp/1p2p3/2ppN1B1/3Pn2/2PBP3/PP4PP/RN1Q1RK1 w - - 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 |

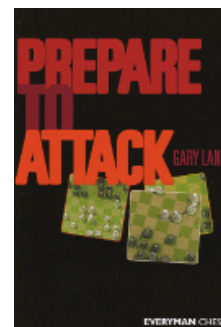
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Answer: 10.Nc6 wins a piece.

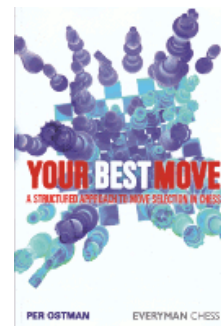
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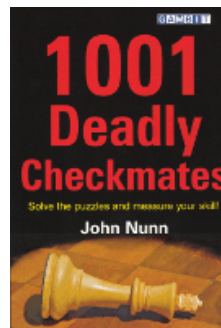
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