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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 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Bg5 Qa5+ 5.c3 Ne4 6.Bh4 Bb7 7.e3 e6 8.dxe6 dxe6 9.Bxb5+ Nc6**, how did White cause Black's immediate resignation?



[FEN "r3kb1r/pb3ppp/2n1p3/qBp5/4n2B/2P1PN2/PP3PPP/RN1QK2R w KQkq - 0 10"]

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

Source Game: Sakaev, K (2637) – Delchev, A (2584)
Ohrid MKD (9), 10.06.2001

Answer: After **10.Ne5**, stopping checkmate is costly; i.e., **10...Bd6 11.Bxc6+ Bxc6 12.Nxc6**.

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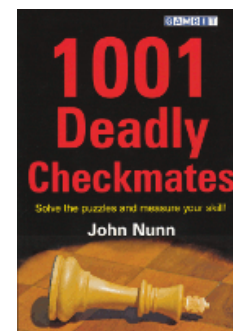
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