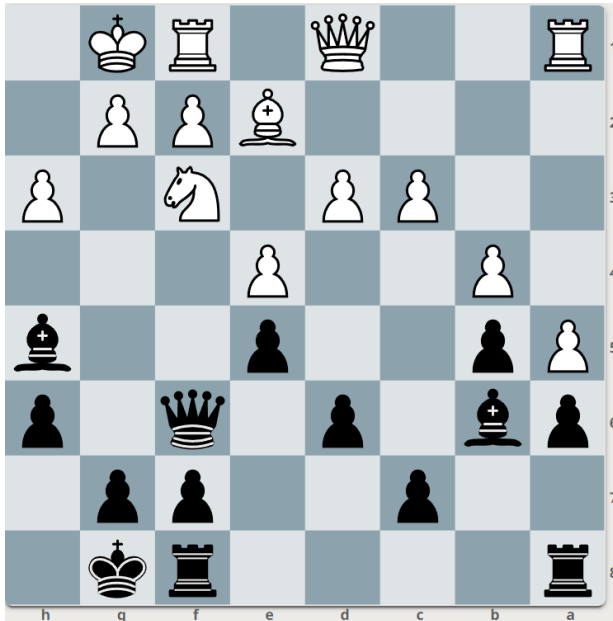


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Week 4: Defensive Moves

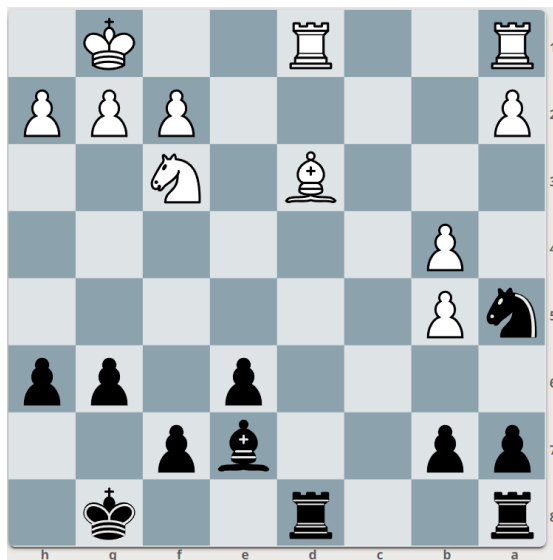


It is easy to become so focused on attacking your opponent, that you can forget to defend your own pieces. There are three main ways of defending:

- Moving a piece to a safe square
- Capturing the piece that is attacking you
- Safely blocking the line of the attack with one of your pieces

In this position it's Black to move, and our bishop on b6 is being attacked. Taking it wouldn't be a good trade, and blocking the attack is impossible, so **1...Ba7** is best, moving the bishop to a safe square

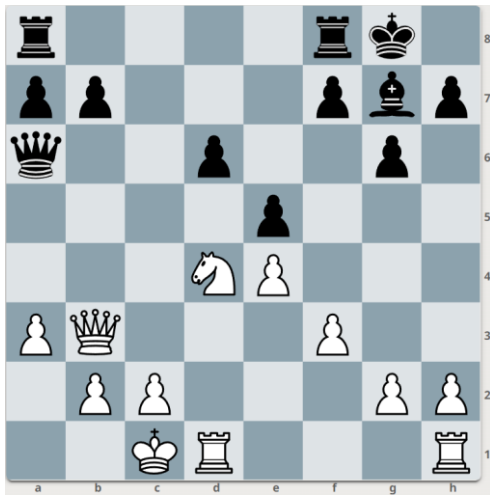
1 – Black to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



2 – White to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



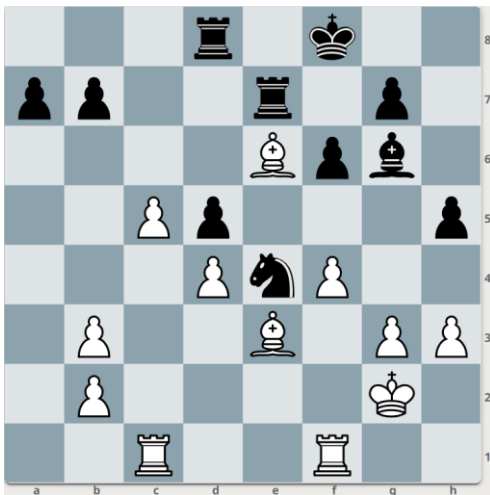
3 – White to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



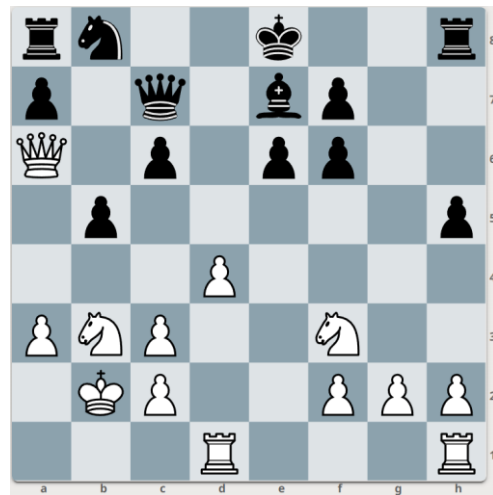
4 – Black to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



5 – White to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



6 – White to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



7 – Black to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?



8 – Black to move: which piece is being attacked and what is our best plan to defend it?

