

Announcement: Thinking caps. One of the best things about chess is when we play, we get free thinking caps. That's even for the World Champ or SuperCoach 😊
 What helps those thinking caps, practice + chess jokes of course, like in RNF 😊 😊



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THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY?

And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments?

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COACH JOKES: Q: What goes "hic hic" and jumps?
 A: A knight with hiccups 😊

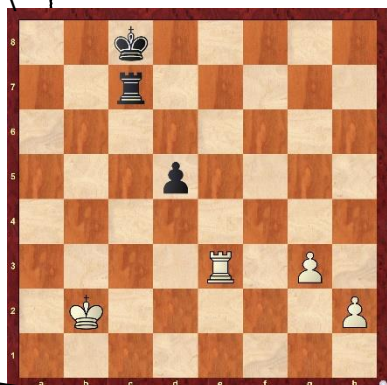
TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Tremendous, Terrific, Techniques + Tips

Try to be relaxed when you play #4

Hi guys. One invaluable lesson I learnt as a junior wasn't an obvious one. But it was very important all the same. I remember going to a lot of junior chess tournaments early on when I started playing and I observed something that the winners of those tournaments all seemed to have in common. That is, they were all very relaxed when they played. I don't mean they were asleep of course 😊 But they weren't tense or stressed over their moves either. They were just sitting comfortably playing. Remember, chess is meant to be a fun game when we break it right down. Win, lose or draw, we learn from each experience. No one can win every single game. Not even the world champion or not even Supercoach himself 😊 So, have fun 😊 😊 😊

PESKY PUZZLES:

Question:
 What's the easiest move here for white to win in the long run?



W



B

In each position find the best move/moves.
 White to move = W Black to move = B

MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 e5
2. Nf3 f6??
3. Nxe5 fxe5
4. Qh5+ Ke7
5. Qxe5+ Kf7
6. Bc4+ d5
7. Bxd5+ Kg6
8. d4 Nf6??
9. Qg5 ++ 1-0



Moving the f pawn at the start can lead to disaster



BONUS HILARIOUS JOKE 😊

Why can't you ever move paper chess pieces? Because they're stationary 😊 😊 😊

Bonus Bonus Joke

What did the fruit say to the draw offer? Apple-solutely :)

FUN FUN FUN CHESS TRIVIA

- 1) The youngest ever chess grandmaster (group of the strongest chess players in the world) was Sergey Karjakin from Ukraine. He became a grandmaster at just 12 years and 7 months old!
- 2) There are thousands of chess variants in existence (chess variants are different games that can be played using a standard chess board and chess pieces). Games such as extinction chess, laser chess, transfer chess and rugby chess are a few of the more popular ones!
- 3) Knights can move on both colours of the chess board and can jump, but bishops are faster. If you place a bishop on one corner of the chessboard it can move to the other corner in one turn!
- 4) Taken pieces can be placed back on the board in transfer (2 vs 2) chess. When you take a piece you give it to your partner and they can place it anywhere on the board in their turn. You can also "drop" to checkmate!



SuperCoach signing off