

Chess Notation 2

Homework Help

As we mentioned in "Chess Notation 1" Notation is very important in chess if you ever want to look back on a game that you played to see where the mistakes or good moves were made. In this Homework we will learn how to write a castling move o-o for Kingside and o-o-o for queenside. Also, we will learn how to write if you capture a piece as well.

Writing a capture is pretty similar to just writing how a piece moves on the board, just an extra addition of an x. For example in Diagram 2, if we were to capture Blacks knight with White's bishop, we would write Bxc6. Basically what this means is the Bishop (B) captures (x) on the square (c6).

Diagram 1:

In this example we are actually looking two moves ahead. The first moves were 1.e4 e5. Now we are writing the moves for the Knights. As mentioned in "Chess Notation 1", Knights don't get the K because the King also starts with a K, and we all know which piece is more valuable. So as a result, the Knight gets the second letter in it's name. So then after that, we want to write the file and then the rank that it moved to.

Diagram 2:

White has decided to bring out its Bishop to put pressure on Blacks Knight. Black has answered to this threat by bringing out its pawn one square to put pressure on White's Bishop. So go ahead and write the Bishop move for White, and the pawn move for Black.

Diagram 3:

White has decided to Blacks Knight on c6. As mentioned above, it's pretty similar to just writing the move, only you write an x. For more details, just look at the top of this page. The Pawn take the Black makes is a little tricky because the Pawn is not a piece, so therefore it does not get a letter. So first what you want to do is, write the square letter (file) it was on, then next to it write an x (to indicate a capture), then write the new file it's on the rank it is now on as well. So if we have a pawn on f7, and we capture a piece on e6 with our pawn, we would write it fxe6.

Diagram 4:

White has castled in its next move, so to write how White Castled, refer to the top of page 1. Black has moved out its Bishop putting pressure on White's Knight.