

Mate in One with Queens “Beginner” Help Guide

Checkmate: The objective of each of the two players in a game of chess is to win the game by Checkmating the opponents King. A player’s King is Checkmated when the square it occupies is attacked by one or more of the opponent’s pieces and the player has no move that escapes that attack.

Diagram 1: White to move. The first problem asks you to find the Checkmate in one move. You can see that your King on d6 is protecting all of the squares between him and the Black King. So he has no place to move to except other squares on the 8th rank. Now all you need to do is move your Queen and take away the 8th rank from your opponent.

Diagram 2: White to move. You are going to want to use the same principles as Rolling Rooks to Checkmate in the problem. Except you want to use your Queen in place of one of the Rooks.

Diagram 3: White to move. The Black King is trapped in the corner in this problem so all you need to do is put him in Check with your Queen. Keep in mind that the only square you can move your Queen to that will Check the King is being protected by the Knight on f6.

Diagram 4: White to move. Notice that the Black King has no place to move to except on the 6th rank. Your Rook and Pawns are protecting all of the other squares. So all you need to do take away the 6th rank with your Queen.

Diagram 5: White to move. In diagram 5 the Black King is stuck in the corner and you can capitalize on his position. You are going to want to Check the King with your Queen. There is only one square you are able to move the Queen to that puts the King into Check and doesn’t allow the King to escape. Remember your Bishop on c4 is offering a lot of protection.

Diagram 6: White to move. This problem may be a bit tricky for you but I’m sure you will be able to figure it out with a little help. You want to put the Black King into Check with your Queen and there are only two squares you can move to that will accomplish this. Your Queen will only be safe on one of these squares. Let your Bishop on c4 offer you protection.