

Minor and Major Pieces “Beginner” Help Guide

There are two types of Major pieces on the chessboard. Both types are worth 5 points or more. Both types of pieces can move up and down as far as they want to. And both types can move to the left or right as many squares they want to.

There are two types of pieces that are considered Minor pieces on the chessboard. The first type of minor piece can move as many squares as it wants to on the diagonal and has to stay on the color square that it started the game on. The second type of minor piece can only move in an L shape. It is also the only piece on the board that can jump over the other pieces.

Diagram 3: In the third problem White needs a major piece that can move as many squares as it wants to up and down or left to right to stop the Black Pawn from promoting itself.

Diagram 4: The last diagram tells you that White traded a Rook for a Bishop and a Knight and asks you if it was worth it. I'm sure you remember that a Rook is worth 5 points and both the Knight and the Bishop are both worth 3 points. So just add up the points and you will tell if it was a good trade.