

Openings - Sicilian and French Help Guide

Diagram 1:

In the Sicilian Defense the White player starts off with playing e4 to attack Blacks center. Black wants to stop Whites build up in the center without using a center Pawn, so Black plays a move that attacks d4 but does not move one of his center Pawns. The center Pawns are the Kings Pawn and the Queens Pawn.

Diagram 2:

Same principles as above but now there are two pieces developed. Does this change the name of the opening? I do not think so at this point yet. So this is the same as above, just with the next best move added in.

Diagram 3:

The French Defense starts with the White Player playing e4, and Black not meeting him in the center. Instead Black plays more defensively knowing that White will play d4 on his next move, taking full control of the center.

Diagram 4:

Black has played d5 in response to Whites d4. Using the same principles as above Black offers an exchange of Pawns in the center of the board. If the exchange happens then they would end up in the same position, White and Black would both have Queen Pawns out and both would be missing their King Pawns.