

Queen Forks “Beginner” Help Guide

Forks: The Fork is a simultaneous attack on two or more pieces by one enemy piece. They are often called double attacks.

Diagram 1: White to move. Keep in mind that a Queen can move any distance horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. It can also move backwards but cannot jump over other pieces on the board. In the first problem you want to Fork one of Blacks major pieces to the King.

Diagram 2: White to move. In this diagram you want to use your Queen to Fork the Black King to one of his minor pieces. The King will be forced to move out of the way and you will win the minor piece.

Diagram 3: White to move. This problem is a lot like the first one. You are going to Fork the Black King to one of his major pieces. The Black King will be forced to move you and you will win the major piece.

Diagram 4: White to move. You will notice in this diagram that the Black King and Rook are on the same diagonal line. This means if you move your Queen down to that diagonal line you will be able to Fork the two Black pieces.

Diagram 5: White to move. This problem is a bit different then the others. You are not going to Fork the Black King to anything in this diagram. Instead you want to use your Queen to Fork Blacks two remaining minor pieces.

Diagram 6: White to move. Just like in the fourth diagram you will notice that the Black King and Rook are on the same diagonal line. Use your Queen to Fork these two pieces and you will win a free Rook.