

Skewers “Advanced” Help Guide

Skewer: A tactic where an enemy piece is attacked and forced to move, exposing another enemy piece behind it to capture.

Diagram 1: Black to move. Start off this problem by moving your Rook over to Skewer the White Queen and the Rook. White will not want to trade a Queen for a Rook so he will move his Queen out of the way. You will be able to capture the Rook and put the King into Check at the same time.

Diagram 2: White to move. You are going to want to push one of your Pawns to put the Black King into Check first. The King will be forced to move to f6. From here just move one of your major pieces over to the diagonal line that the Black King and Queen share. The King will be forced to move out of the way and you will win the Queen for free.

Diagram 3: White to move. This problem calls for you to move a major piece first to put the Black King into Check. The King will be forced to move to b8. Now use your same major piece to put the King into Check again. Remember your Bishop is offering you protection so don't worry. The King will then be forced to move to c7. This is where you can perform the Skewer. Move the same major piece down and Skewer the King to the Rook on g7. The King will have to move out of the way and you will win the Rook.

Diagram 4: White to move. Start this problem off by moving your Rook to the opposite side of the board. Make sure you keep it on the same rank. No matter where Black moves to you will be able to move your Pawn to its Queening square and offer it protection if Black decides to take your Pawn with his Rook.

Diagram 5: White to move. Move your Knight down and put the Black King in Check. He will be forced to move to d5. From here you can set up the Skewer by moving your Queen over to the same diagonal line that the Black King and Queen share. Black will be forced to move out of the way and you will win the Queen.

Diagram 6: White to move. This problem is really cool. Start off with by putting the Black King in Check with your Queen. Make sure when you do this that the Black Queen will be able to capture you. Your goal is to get the Black King and Queen on the same file. Because when the Black Queen captures your Queen you will be able to promote your Pawn and make it a Queen. This will force the King to move out of the way and you will win the Queen on b1.