

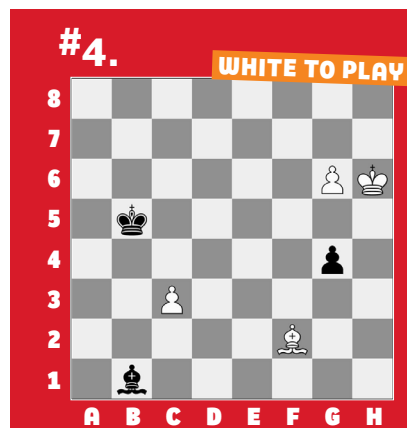
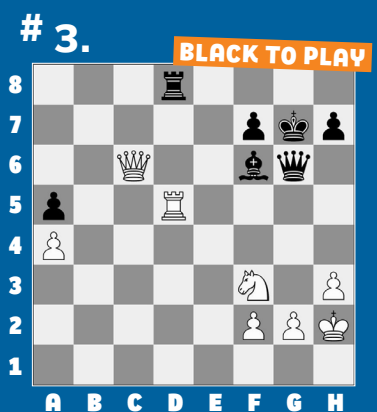
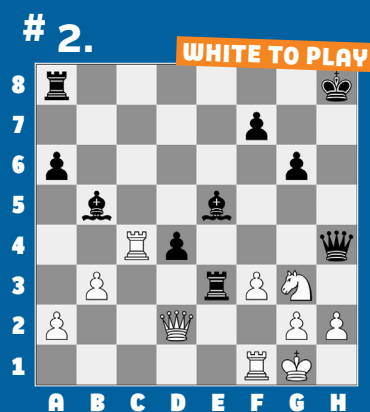
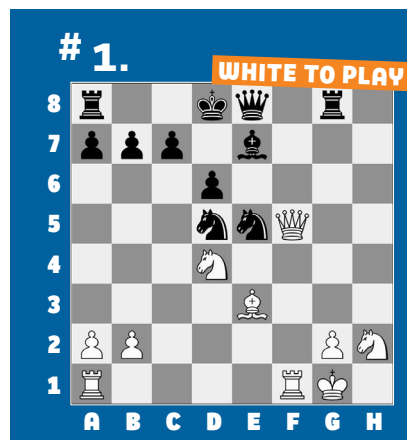
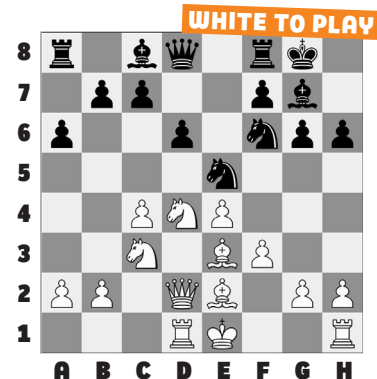
## WORLD CADET CHAMPS, PT. 3

This week's exercises continue our series on the **2025 FIDE World Cadet Championships**, featuring the top players in the Under-8, -10, and -12

age categories, both Open and Girls.

In our **example**, we are reminded of the importance of king safety when calculating. White played **12. Bxh6?** when simply playing 12. 0-0 would be simpler. But after the greedy move, White ran into **12. ... Nxe4!** **13. Nxe4 Qh4+** with tempo on the bishop! After **14. g3 Qxh6** **15. Qxh6 Bxh6** **16. Nf6+ Kg7** **17. Nd5**, White has compensation for the pawn, but Black is no longer restricted without any white pawns

in the center. White did later win in Ling – Zhaunbay.



## SOLUTIONS

**1) 23. Ne6+** White uses discovered checks to the win the knight: **23. ... Kc8** **24. Nf4+ Kd8** **25. Nxd5** and White won six moves later. (Chen – Hernandez Lopez, Almaty, 2025) **2) 29. Qxe3!** Using the pin on the d4-pawn! **29. ... Bxc4** **30. Qxe5+ f6** **31. Qd6!** The best square, hitting both the d- and f-pawns. (Begmuratova – Li, Almaty, 2025) **3) 31. ... Be5+** The discovered attack wins material. Black's 31. ... Rb8?? was too slow,

and White went on to win. **32. Nxe5 Qxc6** Most likely, Black stopped calculating here, as the queen was defended, but... **33. Nxc6 Rxd5** The rook hangs and Black wins. (Bayramova – Atassi, Almaty, 2025) **4) 80. c4+!** White wants to play g6-g7-g8=Q, and Black wanted ... Bb1-a2-(x)g8. Now, regardless of whether Black captures, it will take Black a fourth turn to reach the g8-square, meaning they're too late to stop White's g-pawn from

running in for the touchdown! **Black resigned.** (Obidjonov – Ling, Almaty, 2025) **5) 36. Bh7+** Sacrificing a bishop to win a bishop is unusual, but loose pieces drop off! **36. ... Kxh7** **37. Rxf7+ Kg6** **38. Rxd7** White doubled their investment! (Borshch – Zhu, Almaty, 2025) **6) 26. Ne6+ Kf7** The fork is easy to see, but isn't White's queen also hanging? **27. Qxc5!** There it is! White wins the Exchange. (Saltkhutsishvili – Zhou, Almaty, 2025)