


Questions to Ask Yourself Before You move in Chess

- Using these questions can raise your Tactics rating by 100 or more points!
- Are you ready to become a more proficient chess player?
- Let's go NBHS and HMS!




Coach Minnis has raised his puzzle/tactic rating by over 100 points since beginning to use these five questions! You can too!

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Metric	Value
Puzzle Rating (#684056)	1458
Target Time	0:35
Speed Bonus	70%

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The 2 Most Important Thinking Methods in Chess

Calculation

1. Find opponent's threats
2. Identify tactical targets
- and motifs
3. Calculate all checks
4. Calculate all captures
5. Calculate all tempo-moves

Evaluation

1. Compare Material
2. Compare King-safety
3. Compare Piece-development
4. Compare Centre-control
5. Compare Pawn-structures

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Summary of the 5-step Calculation process:

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2. Identify tactical targets and motifs
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4. Calculate all the captures
5. Calculate all the tempo-moves

The 5 Most Common Tactical Motifs in Chess

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In this lesson you will learn the 5 most common [tactics](#) in chess. These are the [tactical motifs](#) that occur most often in chess games and therefore it makes sense to pay special attention to them.

The 5 most common tactics in chess are:

- Forks (Double-Attacks)
- Pins
- Removing the defender
- Discovered attacks
- Tempo-moves

The 7 Skills Chess Training Model (2 Pages)

A structured approach to studying chess



How to Train the 7 Chess Skills

Tactics

The first step to improve your tactics skill is to make an *in-depth study of tactical motifs and checkmate patterns.*

Read: [How To Get Better At Chess Tactics](#)

Calculation

Train your mind to calculate all the “forced variations” in the position, in other words all the checks, threats and captures.

Video: [How To Calculate Chess Tactics](#) (5 Steps)

Visualization

Want to get better at chess? The single best way is to improve your visualization skills.

Read: [Why Visualization Is the Most Important Skill in Chess](#)

Evaluation

Practice to evaluate a chess position by comparing the progress either side made towards achieving their objectives.

Read: [Example of How to Evaluate a Chess Position](#)

Strategy

Your ability to find a suitable plan in the position relies heavily on your evaluation skill. Working to improve your evaluation skill will also help you find candidate moves that serve the need of the position at hand.

Openings

Don't rely on memorization only. Aim to understand the typical development ideas in the opening of your choice by going over master-level games where the particular opening was played. Improve your personal repertoire over time.

Endgames

Study essential theoretical positions and important endgame ideas. For example, the “principle of two weaknesses” is important endgame idea that will serve you well in many endgame situations.

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You can always refer to the [chessfox.com](#) as a growing resource for your chess training needs.

Day 1 Challenges and Lesson

Day 1 How to Calculate Chess Tactics

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Welcome to Day 1 of the [10-Day Chess Challenge](#)!

On day 1 your focus will be on how to calculate chess tactics.

Here's the steps I demonstrated in the video.

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Day 2 How To Evaluate A Chess Position

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Day 2 How To Evaluate A Chess Position

On Day 2 of the [10-Day Chess Challenge](#) we will turn our attention to the other important thinking method – how to evaluate a position.

Thinking Method 2: How To Evaluate A Position

This video gives you an important overview of the 2nd thinking method – how to evaluate a position:



Day 3 Calculation and Evaluation Exercises

The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in combat. – Navy SEAL’s

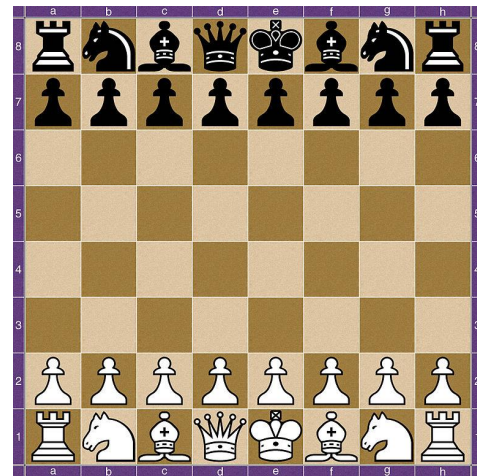
Don’t be tempted to skip the exercises—BECAUSE this is where the magic happens!

Calculation Exercises: Day 3

As from today we will focus on doing instructive exercises that will seriously improve your thinking skills.

The video below contains 3 calculation exercises. This is where you start to give your “thinking-muscles” a good workout:

Day 3 Training Video



Day 4 Calculation Exercises

Day 4

Methodical thinking is of more use in chess than inspiration. – Cecil Purdy

VISUALWIZE – Train your brain to see 8 moves ahead!

Visualization is the most important skill in chess! VISUALWIZE is a revolutionary exercise that is specifically designed to improve your chess vision (visualization).

Day 4 Calculation Exercises



Day 5 Calculation Exercises

Day 5

My opponents make good moves too. Sometimes I don't take these things into consideration. – Bobby Fischer

Calculation Exercises: Day 5



Day 6 Calculation Exercises

Day 6

It's a funny thing, most players think that if they can get a higher rating, they become a better player, but it's the other way around. – Stewart Rueben

Calculation Exercises: Day 6

