

How well do you know the Laws of Chess?

This month's teaser : **Castling**
(first part)

1. Can the king castle if in check?
2. Can the king castle if he has previously been in check but not moved?
3. Can the king castle if he has already moved?

Look at the board position

4. Can black castle on the kingside?
5. Can black castle on the queenside?
6. Can white castle on the kingside?
7. Can white castle on the queenside?



(answers at the bottom of the page)

Problems - Novice

Problem N1

Problem N2



N1a) Black to play and mate in 2 moves

N1b) What is the result if it is White's move?

(answers next time!)



N2a) White to play – find the best move?

N2b) Black to play - what is the best move?

Problems - Intermediate

Problem I1



Problem I2



I1a) White to play – who is winning?

I2a) You are white what is your move?

I1b) If you were black what would you play?

I2b) Black to play – the best move is?

(answers next time!)

Answers to **Castling (first part)**

1. No
2. Yes
3. No
4. No (king would pass through check on f8)
5. Yes (rook can move through, or onto, a square that is attacked)
6. Yes (even though rook is attacked)
7. No (king would move into check on e1)