

## Task

In the following pages, you will find 14 tactical chess problems from the Chess Tempo website. Each problem belongs to one of three groups according to its difficulty: "EASY," "MEDIUM," and "HARD." Each problem requires a sequence of moves (more than one move) to obtain a winning advantage.

The difficulty of each problem was estimated from its Chess Tempo rating in the following manner:

- EASY – about 1250 Chess Tempo rating points
- MEDIUM – about 1700 Chess Tempo rating points
- HARD – about 2150 Chess Tempo rating points

Your task is to estimate for each problem to which group it belongs (EASY, MEDIUM, or HARD).

## Introductory examples

Example I: White wins



White to move wins (difficulty: HARD)

Example II: Black wins



Black to move wins (difficulty: MEDIUM)

Example III: Black wins



Black to move wins (difficulty: EASY)

The solutions of these problems can be found on page 4.



Choose only one answer ("EASY," "MEDIUM," or "HARD") for each problem.

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## Solutions to introductory examples

### Example I: White wins



**Chess Tempo rating: 2142.1** (difficulty: HARD)

**1.Rc8 Rh4**

[1...Ng4 2.Rxd8+ Kh7 3.Rh8+ Kxh8 4.d8Q+ Kh7 5.Qh4+ +-]

**2.Rxd8+ Kh7 3.Rh8+ Kxh8 4.Qb8+**

[4.d8Q+ Kh7!]

**4...Kh7 5.gxh4 +-**

### Example II: Black wins



**Chess Tempo rating: 1695.8** (difficulty: MEDIUM)

**1...Nh3+ 2.gxh3 Qe3+ 3.Kg2 Qg5+ 4.Kh1 Rf1#**

### Example III: Black wins



**Chess Tempo rating: 1246.8** (difficulty: EASY)

**1... Qh6+ 2. Kg1 Bxd4+ 3. Qxd4 Rxc1+ --**