Journey of Champions

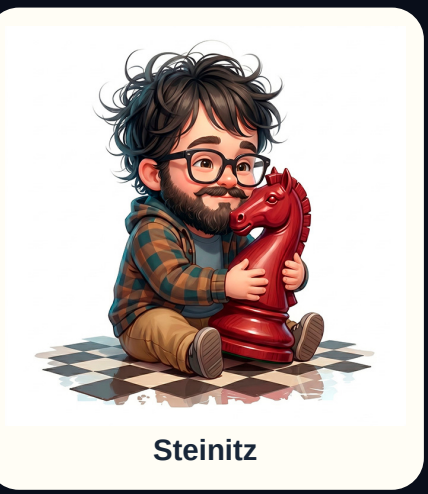
Complete user manual

iOS and Android



Discover their stories. Solve their challenges. Earn every gem.

A practical, illustrated journey to enjoy the adventure, understand every control and keep your progress safe.



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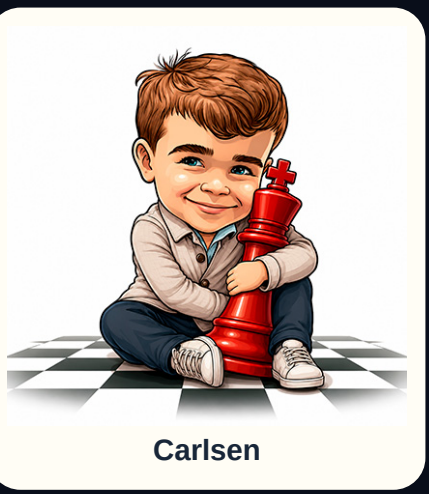

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Your guide to getting started and progressing

Open the app alongside this guide

This guide accompanies your complete journey on iOS and Android. You can follow it from the beginning or tap a contents entry to answer a specific question.

1. First identify the route in each section: it shows the screen and controls you need to open, in the order you will use them.
2. Compare the screenshots and enlarged details with your screen. These are official app images. The platform is identified; size and layout may vary by device.
3. Look for the three-dot button for app options: on Android the dots are usually vertical; on iOS they appear inside a circle. Where menu names differ, both are given.
4. Follow the steps and check the stated result. Screenshots show example states: their counters and gems do not represent your own progress.

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The routes focus on the installed app. The demo section explains separately what you can try in a browser. Use “Back to contents” in the footer to navigate the PDF.

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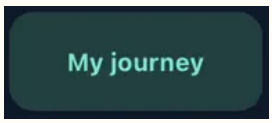

My journey

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18 champions. Your own journey.

My journey → History → Questions → Checkmates or Puzzles

Journey of Champions brings world champions' stories together with decisions on the board. Each station invites you to get to know a player, remember their ideas and put your chess to the test.

1. Start with a story. Look at the portrait, consult the champion's facts and read the episodes before answering the ten questions.
2. Choose your training: Basic contains 360 mates in one and two. Intermediate / Advanced offers 210 puzzles featuring combinations and continuations.
3. Complete the station's requirements to earn its gem. Always check the active level: each level keeps its own collection.
4. Work towards all 18 gems and the final certificate. You can explore the champions included in your edition in any order you prefer and return to unfinished stations.

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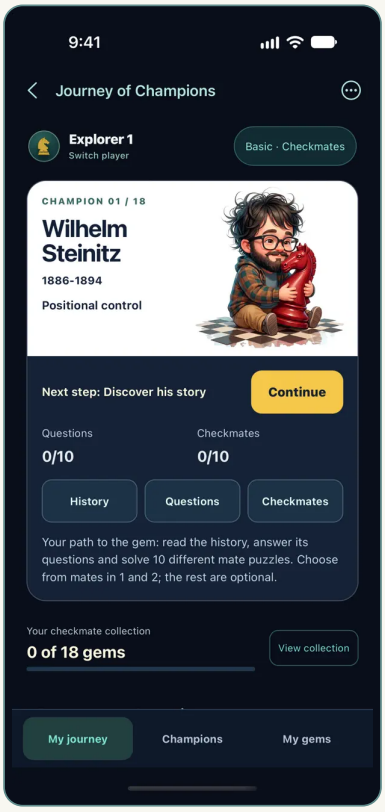
The mobile edition includes 18 champions, 180 questions and 570 exercises. A sustainable pace: one story, a few questions and one or two carefully considered challenges per session.



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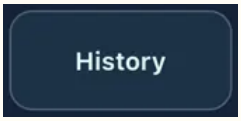

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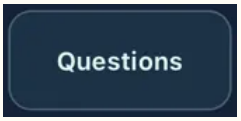

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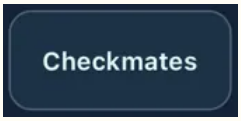

Checkmates

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Install your journey and get ready to begin

Android: Google Play → Journey of Champions · iOS: App Store → Journey of Champions

The installed app includes the complete course in this edition and lets you study offline. Download it from your device's store; you can then choose your player and work through stories, questions, and chess positions at your own pace.

1. Open the Google Play link if you use Android, or the App Store link if you use an iPhone or iPad. Check the title Journey of Champions and the developer Ajedrez de Silicio before continuing.
2. Review the price and compatibility shown by your store. The iOS listing requires iOS 17.0 or later. On Android, check compatibility with your own device in Google Play.
3. Complete the purchase and installation using the store's options. Payment covers the content included in this edition; you do not need a subscription or an account inside the app.
4. Open the app and check who will be playing. Choose a name or nickname and a level suited to your experience. If you share the device, each person can keep their own progress.
5. Before starting a long session, locate My journey and the options menu. From there, you can change levels, manage players, and save a backup of the entire journey.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Your purchase and your progress serve different purposes: the store manages access to the app; your backups preserve what you have completed inside it.

Download for Android

Download for iOS

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Open the app and create your first traveller

First launch → name, piece and level → Start my journey

On your first visit, personalise the traveller who will keep your progress. You do not need to register an account or enter an email address.

1. Enter a name or nickname in the optional field. If you leave it empty, the app assigns an explorer name. You can edit it later.
2. Tap the piece that will represent you: king, queen, rook, bishop, knight or pawn. It is your avatar; it does not limit which pieces you can move in the exercises.
3. Choose Basic · Checkmates or Intermediate / Advanced. To begin with mates in one and two without a clock, select Basic.
4. Tap Start my journey. Check your name and level in My journey. From there you can begin with Steinitz or open Champions to choose another station.

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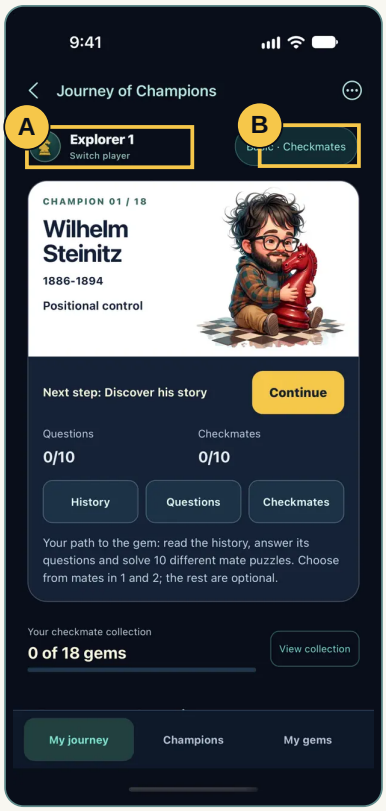
On later launches, a single player enters directly. If you create several players, choose who will play before continuing.



My journey after creating a player. Official iOS example.

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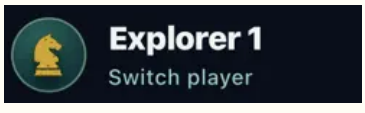

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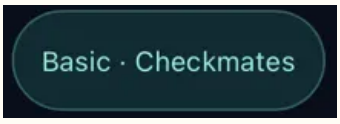

Basic · Checkmates

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Choose the level that helps you learn

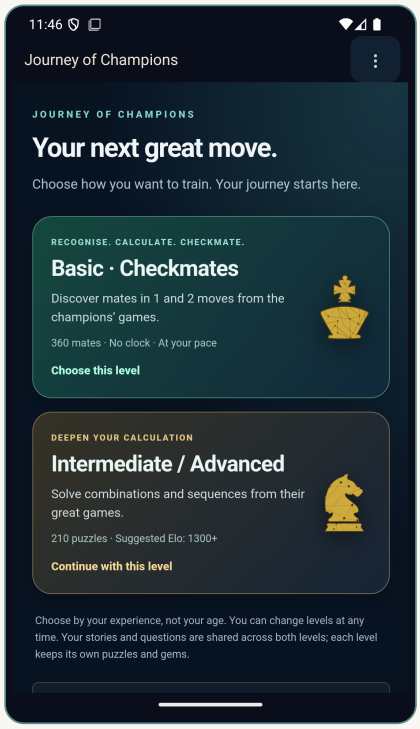
My journey → level button

The app has two levels. Within Intermediate / Advanced you will find Practice and Challenge modes. Choose according to your experience and what you want to work on today.

1. Tap Basic · Checkmates to train checkmate recognition. The exercises ask for mate in one or two of your own moves, without a clock.
2. Tap Intermediate / Advanced to calculate longer sequences. The reference to 1300 Elo or above is guidance, not an entry test.
3. Tap Choose this level or Continue with this level on the selected card, depending on your screen. Check the level name when you return to My journey.
4. Change whenever you need to. Your stories and questions are shared for the same player; exercises, attempts and gems are stored separately in each level.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

If you are learning how the pieces move, also practise their moves and the basic rules. The app's checkmates help you apply those rules to specific positions.



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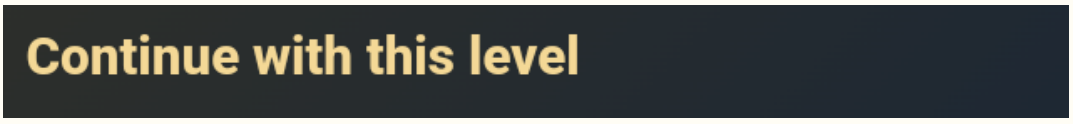
Choose this level



Continue with this level

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Find your way around My journey

Bottom navigation → My journey

My journey brings together what you need to continue: player, level, suggested champion, unfinished activity and progress. The direct buttons let you choose what to do.

1. Check the name or nickname and level at the top. This tells you whose progress will be saved and which gem collection you are working on.
2. Read Next step and tap Begin or Continue. The app guides you towards what the station still needs; it may take you to the story, a question or an unfinished exercise.
3. Use History, Questions and Checkmates or Puzzles to open an activity directly. In the advanced level, the practice counter is separate from the Challenge counter.
4. Tap Champions to choose a station. Tap My gems or View collection to check the objectives and what you have already earned.

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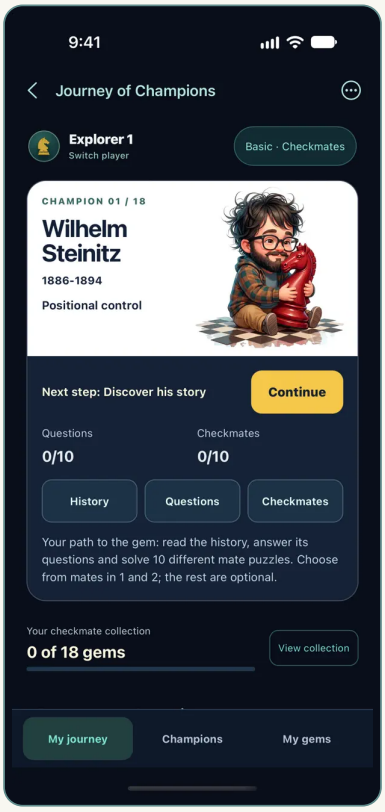
Continue follows the journey's guidance and unfinished requirements. If you want a particular activity, use its direct button.



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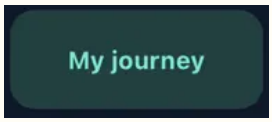

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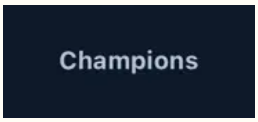

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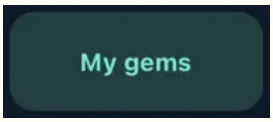

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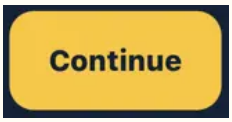

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Choose a champion and keep your progress

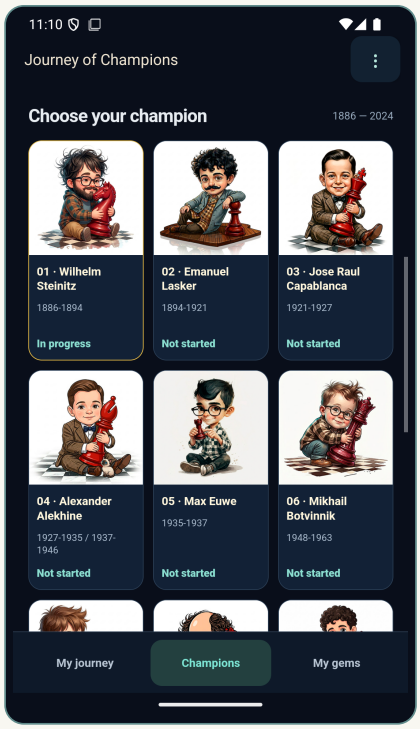
My journey → Champions → champion's name

You can follow the historical order or visit the champion who interests you most. The catalogue shows the name, reign period and status of each station.

1. Tap Champions and scroll through the list. Find the player by name and station number.
2. Tap the card to open the activities. In the complete mobile app you can choose any of the 18 included champions; your previous champion's progress is preserved.
3. If a notice appears because you have not yet earned the current champion's gem, choose whether to stay or change. Read the confirmation before choosing.
4. When you return to My journey, the app may suggest the first champion whose gem is still missing. You can also return to the catalogue and open the station you want.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

An In progress station indicates that you have started working on it. Check its questions and exercises to choose your next step. Locks in the web demo refer to access in that edition.



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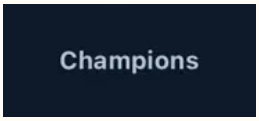

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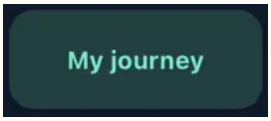

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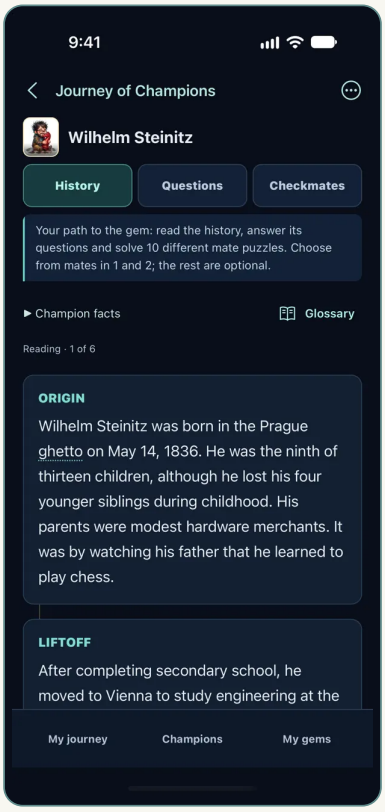
Read the story carefully

Champion → History

The story gives context to the questions and the journey. It is divided into episodes so that you can read in stages and return later.

1. Open History from My journey or the champion's activities. Expand Champion facts to consult the information in the profile.
2. Scroll through the paragraphs. The reading indicator shows where you are in the story, and the app keeps the reading position for that player.
3. Tap a highlighted term if you need a definition. You can also open Glossary using the book icon.
4. When you finish, tap Continue to Questions. Try to recall two or three ideas from the story before answering: the champion's background, an important episode and a feature of their chess.



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MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Reading is the recommended learning path. The gem is earned by completing the questionnaire and the required exercises; it does not depend on passing an additional reading test.

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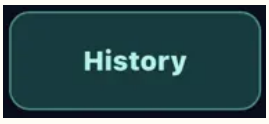

History



Champion facts



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Look up a word without losing your place

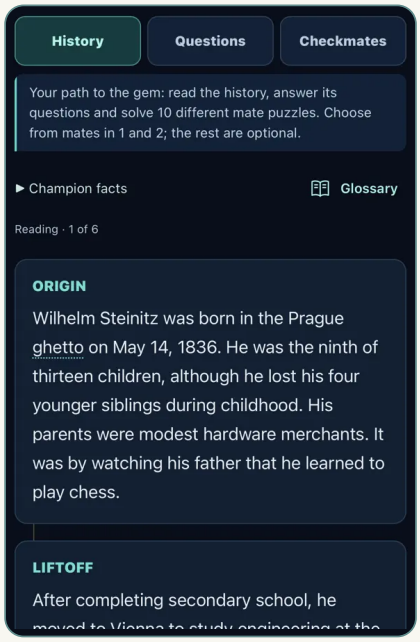
History or Questions → Glossary

The glossary explains chess terms and historical context. It lets you answer a question and return to the activity you were doing.

1. Tap the book icon or a highlighted word in the text. The glossary panel opens.
2. Use In this story to consult concepts related to the champion. Use All to browse the full collection.
3. Type a word in Find a term. Search can find the name, a related term or the text of a definition; exact accents and capitalisation are not required.
4. Tap an entry’s title to expand its explanation and example, where provided. Close it with the X to return to the story or questions.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Searching for a term expands the search to the full glossary. To return to the concepts in that story, clear the search and select In this story.



Open Glossary using its button or the highlighted terms.

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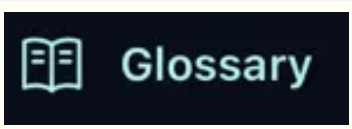

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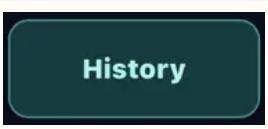

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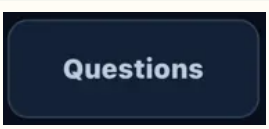

Questions

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Answer and learn from the explanation

Champion → Questions

Each champion has ten questions based on their story. The app saves your attempt as you progress, so you can return to it later.

1. Read the full question and the available answers. If you are unsure about a word, consult Glossary before choosing.
2. Tap one answer once. Your choice is recorded immediately and the options for that question are closed.
3. Read the explanation whether your answer was right or wrong. If you make a mistake, the app shows the correct answer.
4. Tap Next question to continue. On the tenth question, tap View result. Finish the entire questionnaire so that this gem requirement is recorded.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Answering all ten questions completes this part of the journey. The number of correct answers lets you improve the gem’s category; ten correct answers are not required to earn a gem.

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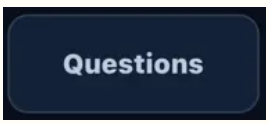

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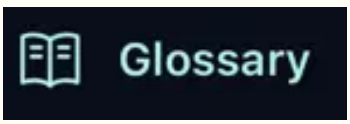

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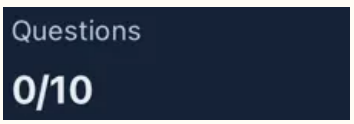

Questions 0/10

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Improve your result by trying again

Questions → result → Repeat the questions

Your first attempt shows what you remember. Repeating the questions helps you consolidate it and can improve your gem’s brilliance.

1. Review the questionnaire result. Identify the ideas you confused and return to History to read those episodes.
2. Tap Repeat the questions to start another attempt. Read the options again: their order may change.
3. Complete all ten questions. The app keeps your best result, even if a later attempt has fewer correct answers.
4. Once you have also completed the required exercises, check My gems. With at least eight correct answers out of ten, the gem can be radiant; with ten out of ten, perfect.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

The questionnaire is shared across both levels for the same player. Improving its result can improve the corresponding gems’ categories once each level’s exercise requirements are met.

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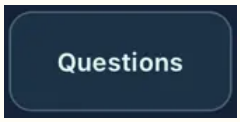

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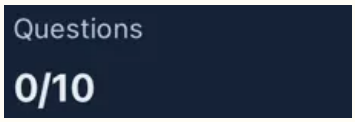

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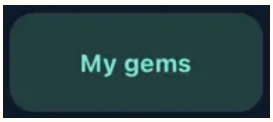

My gems

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Choose your next checkmate

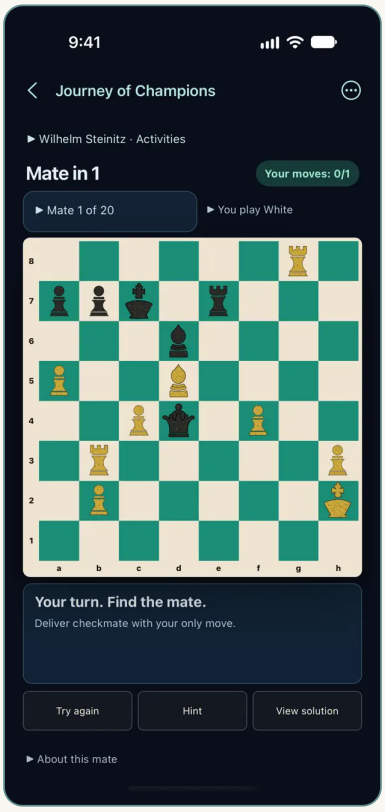
Basic · Checkmates → champion → Checkmates → Mate n of 20

Each champion offers twenty checkmates in Basic. You can choose ten different ones for the gem and continue with the rest whenever you want more practice.

1. Open Checkmates and tap the selector showing Mate 1 of 20 or the current number. The list groups mates in one and mates in two.
2. Select an exercise. Check whether it is unfinished or whether you have already solved it, with or without help.
3. Before moving, read Mate in 1 or Mate in 2 and You play White or You play Black. Look at the coordinates: the board is oriented towards your side.
4. After solving it, use Next mate or return to the selector to choose another. Repeating a completed exercise is useful for revision; repeating it does not increase the count of different checkmates.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

You do not have to solve the first ten or a fixed combination of mates in one and two. The requirement is to complete ten different exercises for that champion.



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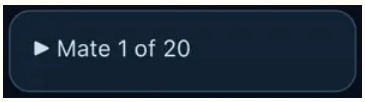

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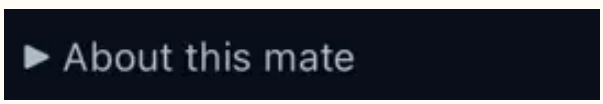
You play White



About this mate

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Make a move on the board

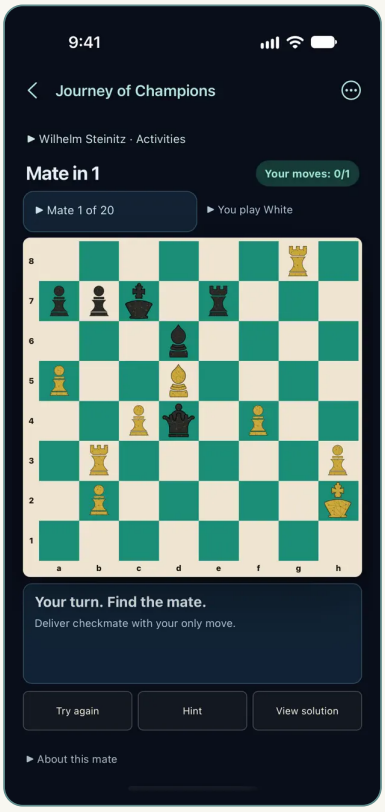
Checkmates or Puzzles → board

The way to move is the same on iOS and Android. First check whose turn it is, then choose the piece and its destination.

1. Tap the piece you want to move, then tap the destination square. You can also drag the piece from its square to the destination.
2. Wait for the app's response before moving again. When required, the app plays the opponent's moves for you.
3. If a pawn reaches the last rank, choose the promotion piece: queen, rook, bishop or knight. Select the piece your idea requires; the app does not force promotion to a queen.
4. To leave the board when the bottom navigation is hidden, open [Champion] · Activities, tap History or Questions, then My journey. From there you can also change player or level.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

A legal move must follow the piece's movement rules and leave your king safe. In Challenge, first tap Start; if the session is paused, tap Resume.



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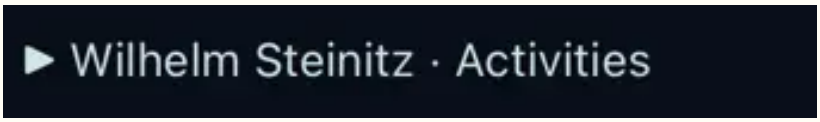

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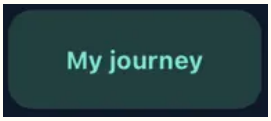
You play White



My journey

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Your first checkmate: from b3 to b7

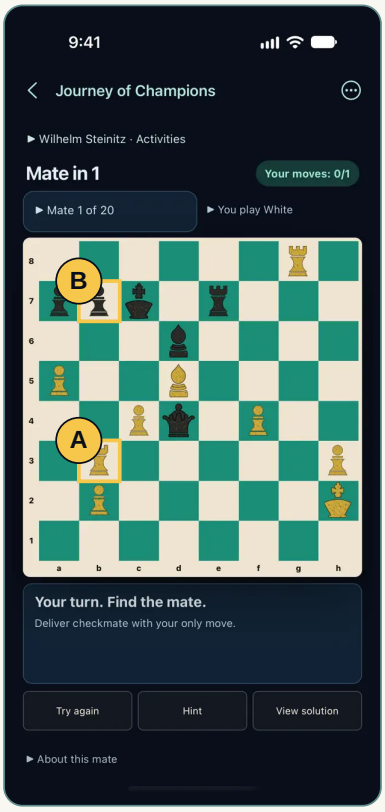
Basic → Steinitz → Checkmates → Mate 1 of 20

This example corresponds to an actual position in the collection: Steinitz–Paulsen, Vienna 1882. The official screenshot shows the exact exercise you are going to solve.

1. Check Mate in 1 and You play White. Find the white rook on b3: the b-file, third rank.
2. Before tapping, look at the black pawn on b7 and the black king on c7. Your goal is to deliver checkmate in a single move.
3. Tap the rook on b3, then the pawn on b7. The rook captures that pawn: Rxb7#. The x means capture and # means checkmate.
4. Check the messages Checkmate! and Mate saved in your journey. The counter shows one move of your own. Tap Next mate to continue or Repeat mate to check that you can recognise it again.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Check why it is mate: the rook attacks the king and White's pieces control its defences and escape squares. Learning continues after you find the correct square.



A: rook on b3. B: pawn on b7. Tap A, then B: Rxb7#.

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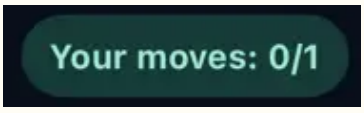
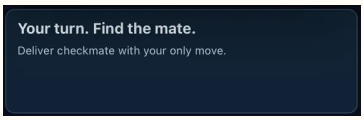


Your moves: 0/1



Your turn. Find the mate.

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Understand a mate in two

Basic → Checkmates → selector → Mate in 2

Mate in two means you can deliver mate in no more than two of your own moves. The opponent's reply is part of the sequence, but it does not use up one of your moves.

1. Check your side and look at Your moves: a mate in two starts at 0/2. The enlarged details below use a mate in one to identify the controls. Before tapping, imagine your first move, an opponent's reply and your finish.
2. Play your first idea and wait for the automatic reply. Look at the new position: you need to solve the board in front of you.
3. Deliver mate with your next move if that is the sequence. The app checks legal continuations that force mate within the limit; in Basic it can accept more than one valid solution.
4. If you use up your moves without mate, an explanation appears. Tap Try again and review which defence you had missed. If it is stalemate, check that the king was not in check.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Count your decisions: White's first move, Black's reply, White's second move. If you play Black, the reasoning is the same from that side.

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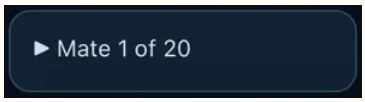

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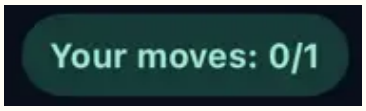

Your moves: 0/1



You play White

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Use a hint, then think again

Basic → Checkmates → Hint

Hints are part of learning in Basic. You can use them and still make progress towards the champion's gem.

1. First take a moment to look for checks, captures and threats. When you need guidance, tap Hint below the board.
2. Read the first hint. It may direct your attention to a piece or a square. Try to complete the idea before asking for more help.
3. If you still cannot find the continuation, ask for another hint. Then play the sequence yourself and wait for the opponent's replies.
4. If your position no longer allows mate within the remaining moves, restart with Try again. When you complete the mate, the exercise may be marked as solved with help.



Read the guidance below the board and request a hint when needed.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Solving with hints does count among the ten different checkmates in Basic. Repeat the exercise later without help to check that you have understood the idea.

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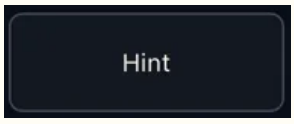

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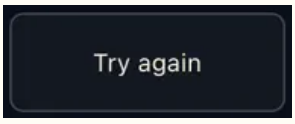

Try again

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Review a solution and play it yourself

Basic → Checkmates → View solution

You can go through the solution move by move. This helps you understand the opponent's reply and the final checkmate position.

1. Tap View solution. The review starts from the exercise's initial position.
2. Use Next move to go forward and Previous to go back. Observe what changes on each square and why the opponent cannot avoid mate.
3. Tap Return to attempt to leave the review. If you want to start again from the initial position, use Try again.
4. Play the sequence yourself until the app confirms checkmate. Viewing the solution alone does not record the exercise as solved; playing it after viewing the solution is considered assisted.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Before advancing through the solution, try to predict the next move. Then return to the attempt and explain in your own words which defence each move removes.

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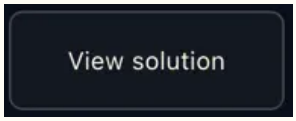

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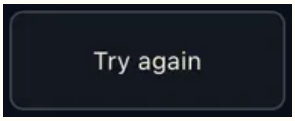

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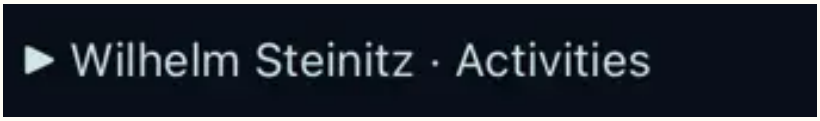

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Earn your first checkmate gem

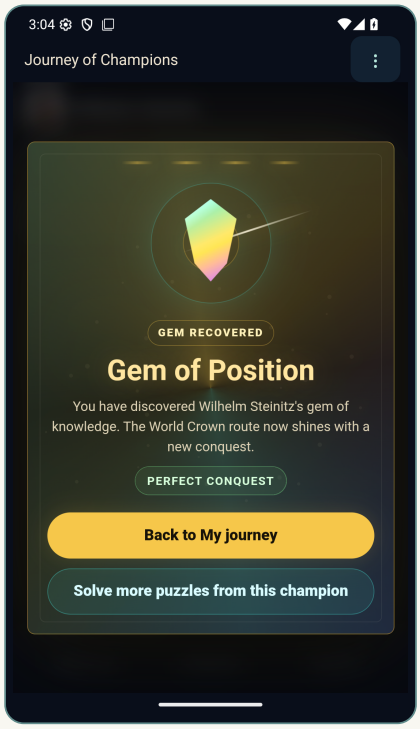
Basic → champion → Questions and Checkmates → My gems

The Basic gem recognises that you have completed the questions and solved ten different checkmates for that champion. You can spread this over several sessions.

1. Complete the champion’s ten questions. You do not need to answer all of them correctly to earn the gem.
2. Solve ten different exercises from the twenty available. You can choose mates in one, mates in two or a mixture of both.
3. Check progress in My journey or tap the champion’s card in My gems. If questions or checkmates are missing, use the button the app provides.
4. When you complete both requirements, review the gem celebration. Back to My journey guides you towards another station; Solve more puzzles from this champion lets you continue for enjoyment.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Hints are allowed and the other ten checkmates are optional. Repeating a solved exercise is useful revision, but it does not replace another different checkmate.



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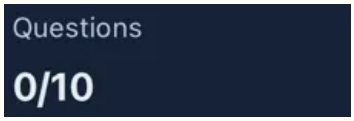

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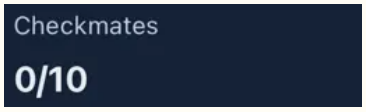

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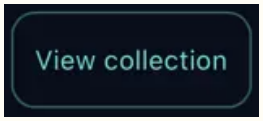

View collection

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Practice and Challenge: choose your goal

Intermediate / Advanced → champion → Puzzles

This level brings together combinations and continuations from games. Its two modes have different goals and keep their results separately.

1. Select Practice to learn without a clock. You can request hints, review the solution and correct a decision to keep studying.
2. Select Challenge to test what you have learned. Each puzzle has three minutes and must be completed without errors or help to count towards the gem.
3. Open the Problem n/total selector. Identify the ten main puzzles marked For the gem. Some champions have extra puzzles that you can work on afterwards.
4. Read the board's instruction. The exercise seeks a particular continuation and its accepted variations. A legal or interesting move may not match that puzzle's solution.



Official iOS screenshot. Values show an example.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

You can learn a position in Practice and return to it in Challenge. The advanced gem requires the ten main puzzles solved in Challenge, together with the completed questionnaire.

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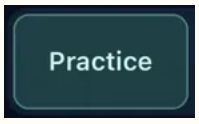

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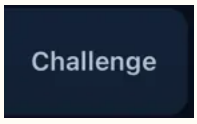

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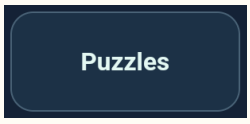

Puzzles

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Study a combination without a clock

Puzzles → Practice → puzzle selector

Practice gives you room to calculate, make mistakes and understand the sequence. Use the help gradually.

1. Check that Practice is selected and read which side is to move. Imagine a continuation before moving.
2. Play your decision and wait for the opponent's reply. If you are right, continue calculating from the new position.
3. If you need guidance, tap Hint. The first points to a piece or square; Another hint may show the move. The app records that you have used help.
4. If a move does not match the solution, tap Retry move. You return to that decision point and keep the earlier correct moves. To study the whole line, open View solution.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

When you finish, return to the selector and check the practice mark. Once you can explain the combination, switch to Challenge to try solving it without help.



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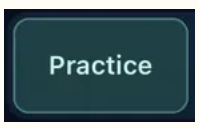

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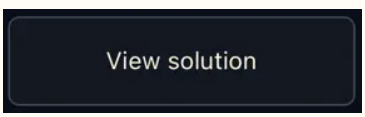

View solution

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Start a three-minute challenge

Puzzles → Challenge → Start

The clock belongs to each puzzle. You can complete the ten main puzzles on different days: each achievement is saved.

1. Select Challenge and choose a main puzzle. Before you begin, the board waits and the clock shows 03:00.
2. Tap Start. Calculate and play the continuation; the app replies for the opponent. Complete the sequence before time runs out and without making mistakes.
3. If you need to stop, tap Pause. The board stops together with the clock. Tap Resume to continue with the remaining time.
4. After solving it, check its mark in the selector. Choose another main puzzle when you are ready. Previously earned achievements remain even if a later attempt goes less well.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

You have three minutes per puzzle. Opening a selector, leaving the screen or putting the app in the background pauses the session; when you return, check its state before moving.

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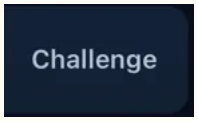

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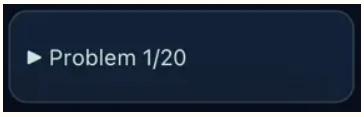

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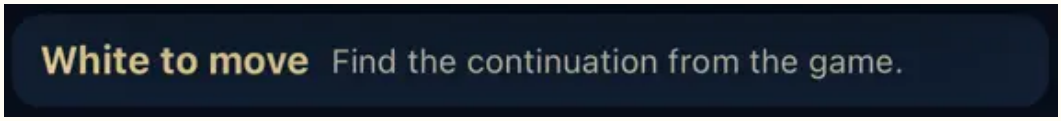

White to move

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Recover from an unsuccessful attempt

Challenge → attempt result

An incorrect continuation or running out of time ends that attempt. You can prepare and return to the same puzzle; challenges already completed remain saved.

1. Read the app’s message. Distinguish whether the attempt ended because of a move or because time ran out.
2. Tap Try again to repeat the challenge. You start the puzzle from its initial position with a new three-minute clock.
3. If you need to understand the idea, tap Practice with help. There you can request hints and go through the solution before returning to Challenge.
4. For the gem, finish the ten main puzzles without errors in their successful attempts and complete the questions. You do not need ten consecutive successes in a single session.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Retry move belongs to Practice and keeps your current decision point. Try again in Challenge starts that puzzle from the beginning: read the button before tapping.

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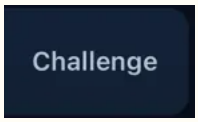

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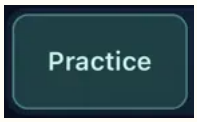

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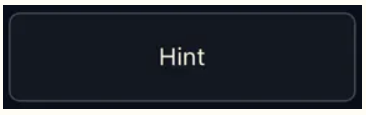

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Go through the combination move by move

Puzzles → Practice → View solution

The review lets you study the sequence from the beginning. Use it to understand piece coordination and the opponent's replies.

1. In Practice, tap View solution. Look at the initial position and find the first threat before advancing.
2. Tap Next to see the next move and Previous to go back. Depending on the screen or accessibility reading, the control may be identified as Next move.
3. Read the comments for each moment when they appear. Ask what would happen if the opponent chose another defence and compare this with the continuations shown by the exercise.
4. Tap Back or Back to your attempt to return to training. Play the idea again and, once you understand it, try it in Challenge.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Reviewing a solution records that you studied it. The advanced gem requirement is completed by solving the main puzzle in Challenge without errors or help.

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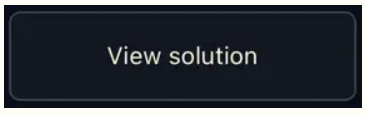

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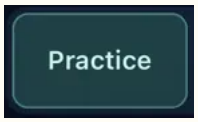

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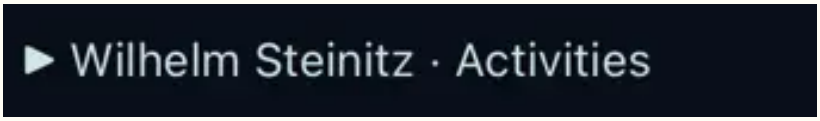

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Read the marks and understand extra puzzles

Puzzles → puzzle selector

The marks help you decide where to continue. First check the selected mode: Practice and Challenge keep different states.

1. In Practice, ✓ marks a puzzle solved without help; A, solved with help; V, solution reviewed; and ○, unfinished.
2. In Challenge, ✓ indicates a completed challenge; ↻, one to retry; and ○, unfinished. Check these results to complete the ten main puzzles.
3. Find the For the gem group. Extra puzzles extend your training, but they are not required for that gem or the certificate.
4. Open About this problem or About this mate to consult the position's origin. If the app labels it as a study variation, treat it as a position derived from the game.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

The number of puzzles varies by champion. A screenshot showing Problem 1/20 is an example from that station, not a promise of twenty advanced puzzles for every champion.

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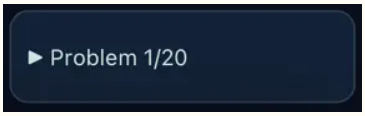

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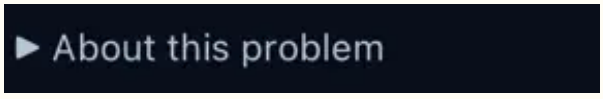

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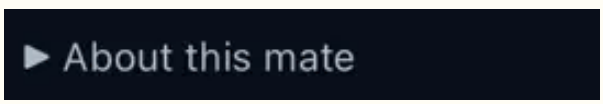

About this mate

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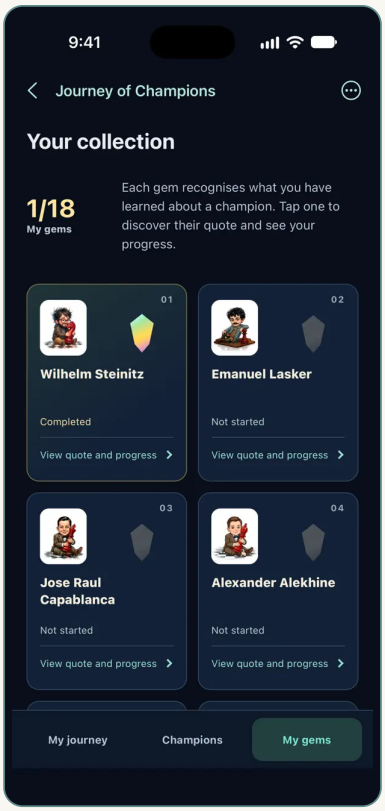
Open your collection and choose your next step

My journey → My gems or View collection

The Gem Chamber turns your journey into a visible collection. Each card belongs to a champion and shows the state of the active level.

1. First check the player and level. Open My gems from the bottom navigation or View collection from My journey.
2. Look at the recovered-gem counter, from 0 to 18. Tap the card of the champion you want to review.
3. Read the quote and the two progress indicators: questions answered and checkmates or challenges completed. This identifies which requirement is missing.
4. Use Continue the questions and Continue the mates or Continue the challenges to open what remains unfinished. Close the card to return to the collection.



Official iOS screenshot. Values show an example.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Consult How gems work whenever you want to recall the rules. A collection with fewer gems after changing levels may be correct: each level keeps its own progress.

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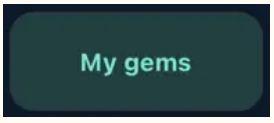

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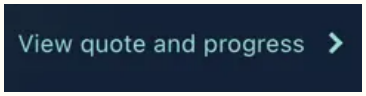
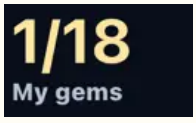


View quote and progress



1/18 My gems

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Make your gems shine brighter

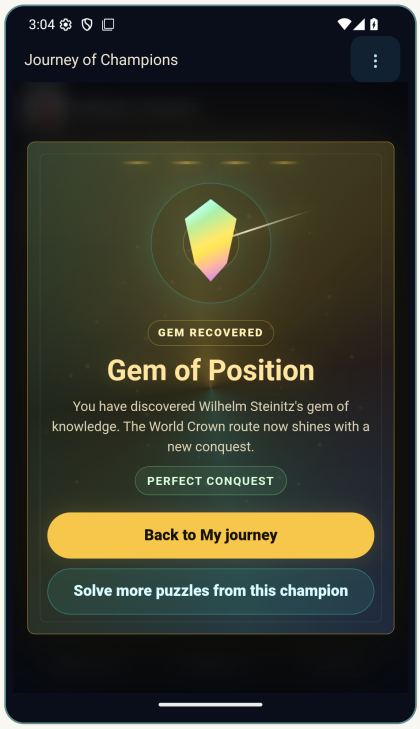
My gems → How gems work

Earning the gem and improving its category are two related goals. Completing the questionnaire fulfils the question requirement; your best score determines its brilliance.

1. Recovered gem: finish the ten questions and complete the level's required exercises. In Basic these are ten different checkmates; in the advanced level, the ten main puzzles in Challenge without errors or help.
2. Radiant gem: in addition to the requirements above, reach at least 80% correct answers in the questions: eight out of ten.
3. Perfect gem: complete the required exercises and score 100% in the questions: ten out of ten.
4. To improve, return to History, review it and use Repeat the questions. The app keeps your best score and the exercise achievements you have already earned.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

All 18 gems in the active level provide access to the final reward. You do not need every gem to be perfect to obtain the certificate; perfecting them is an additional goal.



Official Android screenshot. Values show an example.

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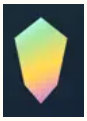

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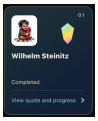

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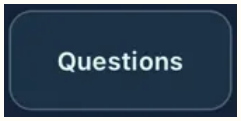

Questions

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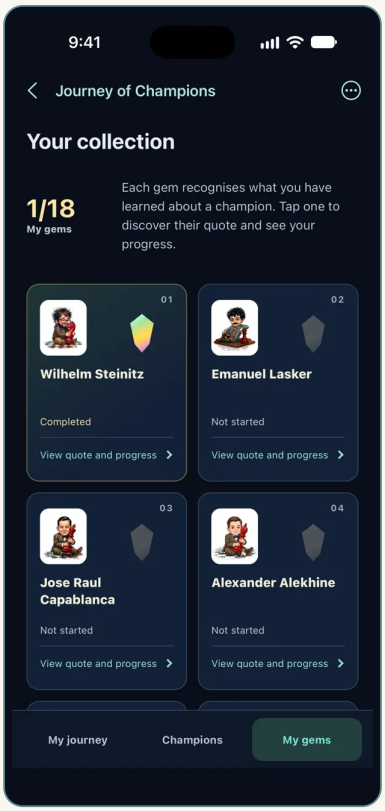
Collect all 18 gems and save your certificate

My gems → final reward → Download Certificate

When you collect all 18 gems in the active level, the Silicon Master celebration and personalised certificate become available. Check the player and level before generating it.

1. Open My gems and confirm the complete collection. Use View Prize when it appears to return to the celebration.
2. Tap Download Certificate. Enter the name you want to appear on the document, from 2 to 80 characters, and check its spelling.
3. Tap Generate Certificate and check the resulting image. It is generated in PNG format. In Basic, the subtitle identifies the level of mates in one and two.
4. Use the saving or sharing sheet offered by your system. On iOS you can choose Files; on Android, a destination in the picker or the sharing option. Open the saved image afterwards to check it.



A collection in progress. The final reward opens with 18 gems in the active level.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

The certificate recognises your journey within the app. Also save a JSON backup to preserve your players, exercises and gems: the certificate image does not contain that progress.

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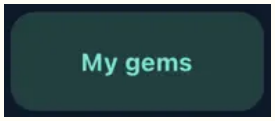
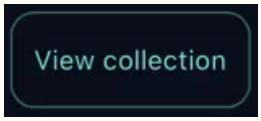


My gems



View collection

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Create your player and switch between players

Android: ⋮ → Players on this device · iOS: ⋮ → Players and level

You can share the app with up to six local players. Each player has a name or nickname, a piece that represents them, and separate progress. Before solving a puzzle, make sure you are using the correct player.

1. Open the ⋮ menu and select Players on this device on Android, or Players and level on iOS. Review the existing players before adding one, so you do not duplicate your own journey.
2. Choose the option to create another player. Enter a recognisable name or nickname and select a piece. You do not have to use your real name. When generating a certificate, you can also enter the name you want to display.
3. Choose Basic · Checkmates or Intermediate / Advanced according to your experience. A new player starts from scratch. You can change their level later without deleting what they have already completed in the other level.
4. Return to My journey and check the active name. You can also tap that name to switch players. With one player, you enter directly; with several, the app lets you choose who is playing at startup.
5. When another person finishes their session, switch back to your player before continuing. Stories and questions are shared between that player's levels; their puzzles and gems are kept separately.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

These profiles belong to the device and have no password. Use names that are easy to distinguish, and check the active profile whenever you begin a shared session.

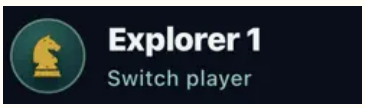
FIND THESE CONTROLS



Android · Options



iOS · Options



Switch player

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Sources: 1 · 2

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Personalize a player or delete their journey

Android: ⋮ → Players on this device → Edit · iOS: ⋮ → Players and level → Edit

Editing a player lets you adjust their identity or level while keeping their progress. Deleting them removes that person and their local journey. Always check the selected name before making a change.

1. Open player management from the ⋮ menu. Find the person you want to change and open Edit. If several players have similar names, also check the piece that represents each one.
2. Change their name or nickname and their piece when needed. These changes keep their progress. Choose carefully how you want that player's name to appear on their certificate.
3. Adjust the level if you want to begin with simple checkmates or tackle more demanding puzzles. Stories and questions still belong to the same player; each level keeps its own collection of puzzles and gems. Confirm the edit with Save changes.
4. If you want to delete a player, save a backup first if you want to retain the option of recovering their journey. Then choose Delete this player and read the confirmation before accepting the deletion.
5. At least one player must remain on the device. If you only want to begin another adventure, create a new player while you still have room. Deleting a profile does not change backup files you have already exported.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

To recover a profile from an older JSON file, you must restore the complete backup. That operation also replaces the other current players; preserve them in another copy first.

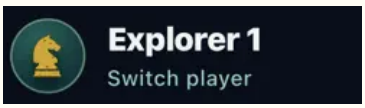
FIND THESE CONTROLS



Android · Options



iOS · Options



Switch player

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Change levels without losing what you learned

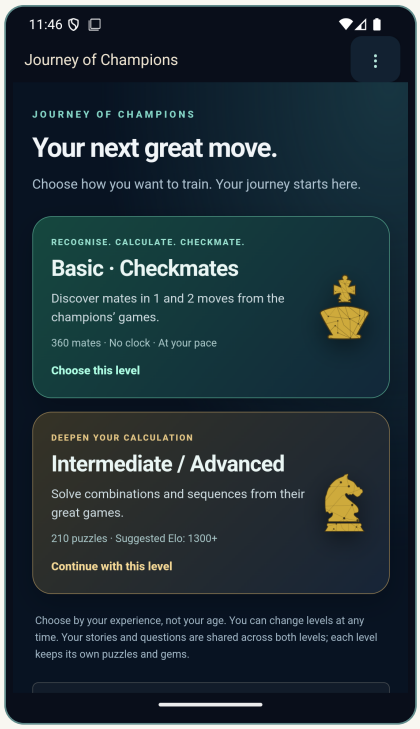
My journey → level button → choose a level

The same traveller can work through both levels. The app keeps each level's journey and shares the champion's reading and questions.

1. Return to My journey. If you are on a board, open Activities, switch to History or Questions, then tap My journey.
2. Tap the level name beside the player. On the Basic · Checkmates or Intermediate / Advanced card, tap Choose this level or Continue with this level. The app switches to the selected level.
3. Check the counters when you return. Basic checkmates and advanced challenges are separate journeys; the champion's questionnaire remains shared for that player.
4. Whenever you want to return to the previous level, follow the same route. Its exercises and gems will remain, unless you have restored another backup or deleted player data.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

You do not need to create a new player just to change levels. A new player starts a new journey; changing the current player's level preserves what you have already done.



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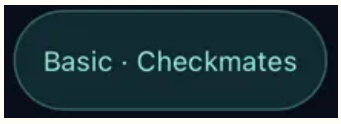

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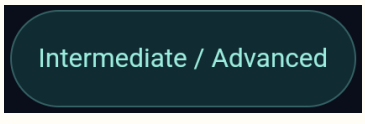

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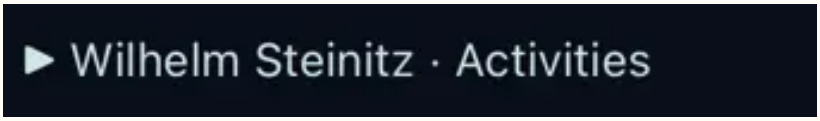

Wilhelm Steinitz · Activities

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Save a backup of your journey on Android

Android: ⋮ → Save backup → system file picker

A backup turns your progress in the app into a JSON file that you can keep outside it. It includes every player, their names and pieces, preferences, and progress in both levels. Save one before changing devices.

1. Make sure you have finished the activity you want to preserve. Return to a screen in the app where you can open the ⋮ menu and choose Save backup. The app will start the save process through Android.
2. In the system picker, choose a folder with a name you can remember. It may be on the device or in an available storage provider. The options and their presentation depend on your phone.
3. Keep the .json extension and confirm the save. If the system lets you change the name, adding a date will help you distinguish this backup from earlier ones. You do not need to open or edit its contents.
4. Open Android’s file manager and locate the document in your chosen destination. Check that you can recognize it. If you saved it only on the phone, also keep a copy outside that device.
5. Save another backup after important progress. Keep an earlier copy until you have checked that the latest one is available. Automatic Android backups are disabled for the app’s progress.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

A file saved only on the same phone can be lost along with it. If you choose cloud storage, wait for that service to complete its own upload.

FIND THESE CONTROLS



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Save a backup of your journey on iPhone or iPad

iOS: ⋮ → Save backup → Files

On iOS, you save your journey through Files. The backup is a JSON file containing every player and both levels, including their names, pieces, preferences, and progress. The app's private progress is excluded from automatic iCloud backups.

1. Finish the activity you want to preserve and open the ⋮ menu. Choose Save backup. This option prepares a backup of all players, even when you are using only one of them.
2. When Files appears, choose a destination you can find later. Depending on your setup, you can use a location on the device or a provider such as iCloud Drive. Check the folder before confirming the save.
3. Keep the JSON format and save the document. If you change its name, retain the .json extension. A date in the name makes it easier to identify which backup contains your most recent progress.
4. Open Files and check that the backup appears in your chosen folder. If you use iCloud Drive or another provider, make sure the file is available before relying on it when changing devices.
5. Save again after completing important stages and before deleting the app. An exported backup remains in its destination; you can keep several dates and delete older copies from Files when you no longer need them.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Manually saving a JSON file in iCloud Drive creates the backup you have chosen. Automatic device backup does not replace this step for recovering your Journey of Champions progress.

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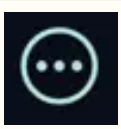

iOS · Options

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Sources: 2 · 7

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Restore a backup and check your players

Android: ⋮ → Restore backup · iOS: ⋮ → Restore backup

Restoring recovers the state contained in a Journey of Champions JSON file. The operation replaces all current players and progress. First preserve a backup of what you have now; you can then choose which version of your journey to recover.

1. Before importing, save a new backup of the current state. Place it somewhere recognizable and check that it is available. This step also preserves the other players who share the app with you.
2. Open the restore option for your system. In the file picker, find the JSON exported by this app. Check its name and date so you choose the journey you actually want to recover.
3. Read the confirmation and accept only after checking the file. Restoring replaces the current set; it does not add profiles or combine progress from two backups. Older backups may appear as a single player.
4. When it finishes, review the players and open My journey with the profile you want. Check the level and the gems or activities you expected to find. Keep the earlier files until you verify that you have recovered the correct state.
5. On iOS, Options → Recover previous backup lets you return to the state before the last restore. That internal copy changes with the next restore. To recover other points in time, use the JSON files you have kept.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

If a file is not accepted, check that it is a JSON backup from this app and that the complete file is available. Do not alter its contents to force a restore.

FIND THESE CONTROLS



Android · Options



iOS · Options

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Sources: 1 · 2

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Move your progress from Android to iOS, or back

Source device: save JSON → transfer file → destination device: restore

Journey of Champions JSON backups can be moved between Android and iOS. This lets you continue your journey on another system while keeping the players included in the backup. Moving your progress and purchasing the app are handled separately.

1. On the source device, save a recent backup from the app's menu. Remember that it includes every player and both levels. Identify the backup clearly before sending it to the other device.
2. Transfer the file using the service or method you normally use to share documents. Keep the JSON unchanged and wait for the transfer to finish. On the new device, locate the received file.
3. Install the app from the destination device's store. A Google Play purchase does not transfer a licence to App Store, or the other way around. Review the terms and price shown by that store.
4. If the destination device already contains progress, save its own backup first. Then open Restore backup on Android or iOS, select the received JSON, and review the replacement confirmation.
5. Check the players, their levels, and the recovered progress before putting the previous device aside. If you continue playing on both devices, progress will remain local: export again from the one you want to take with you.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

A backup represents the state at a particular time. Choose which backup you want to keep as your current journey before replacing the contents of another device.

FIND THESE CONTROLS



Android · Options



iOS · Options

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Sources: 2

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Adjust the language and sound, and find help

Three-dot menu → Language / sound / edition information

The options adapt the language and effects to your session while keeping your progress. They also let you consult help and gather information for support.

1. Open ⋮ → Language. Choose Español or English to set the app's language. This preference is shared across the device, so it also affects the other players who use it.
2. To follow the device's language, select Automatic on Android or Device language on iOS. The app offers Spanish and English. Changing language keeps your journey and lets you read the controls in the other language.
3. On Android, open ⋮ → Sound effects; on iOS, ⋮ → Sound. Adjust the effects to suit the place where you are studying. The preference is kept when you close and reopen the app.
4. Read the included help when you need to recall the rules of a level, manage players, or save a backup. The included help, privacy policy, and terms can be read offline.
5. If you need assistance, find the version in ⋮ → About this edition on Android, or ⋮ → About on iOS. Also note your device model and what you were doing when the problem appeared.
6. Write to the official support email with a specific explanation. Opening the email link prepares the inquiry; the app does not automatically send your progress or attach your files. Add only what is needed to explain the issue.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

If you share the device, agree on the language with the other players. The active profile organizes personal progress; the selected language is a device preference.

FIND THESE CONTROLS



Android · Options



iOS · Options

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Study offline and preserve your journey

My journey · Android: ⋮ → Save backup · iOS: ⋮ → Save backup

The mobile edition saves progress on your device and lets you read, answer questions, and solve positions offline. You do not need an account to play. Knowing where your work is kept helps you continue confidently when you change devices.

1. After installing the app, open your player and use the included content without relying on a connection. Store access, updates, and external links are handled through their own services.
2. Return to the same player to continue their journey. The app keeps results, gems, sessions, reading position, and preferences in its private storage. It does not send that progress to the developer's servers.
3. Save your own JSON backups at important points. Updating the same app preserves its data, but clearing its data or deleting it can lose that progress. Recovery depends on the backups you have kept.
4. On iOS, distinguish Delete App from Offload App, which keeps documents and data. To begin another adventure without affecting the other players, create a new profile while there is room, rather than deleting the entire app.
5. When you export a backup or certificate, the file remains in your chosen destination. The certificate is a PNG image and may show your name. Documents saved outside the app are managed and deleted separately.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

You can use a nickname. If you share a backup, remember that it includes every player's name and progress; keep your personal copies somewhere you can recover them.

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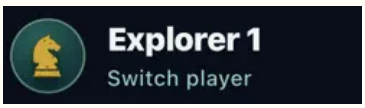

Switch player

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What you can do in the demo

Official website → Journey of Champions demo

The Windows and browser demo lets you try the journey before buying. The app installed on Android or iOS includes the content of the mobile edition purchased from its store.

1. In the demo you can visit Steinitz and Lasker in both levels. Try their stories, questions, checkmates and puzzles to learn how it works.
2. The other sixteen stations are outside the free section. You may see references or locked cards, but you cannot complete the whole journey or collect all 18 gems there.
3. The demo saves its progress in that browser. Keep a backup before clearing browser data, using another computer or leaving a private session.
4. To use the mobile app, download the corresponding edition from Google Play or the App Store. Windows, Android and iOS licences are purchased separately; check the current price on each platform.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Web purchase menus and browser features belong to that edition. The main instructions in this guide refer to the mobile app, its local players and its native options.

Try the first two champions →

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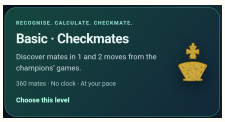

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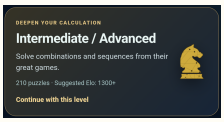

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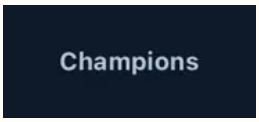

Champions

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Make a short session count

My journey → one story, one idea, one challenge

This study suggestion combines understanding and practice. Adjust its length to your experience and finish with an idea you can remember without looking at the screen.

1. Choose a champion. Read an episode and summarise in one sentence what caught your attention. Look up a word if you need to clarify it.
2. Answer some questions and read each explanation. If you finish the questionnaire, review the result and mentally note one idea to revisit.
3. In Basic, solve one or two checkmates and explain which squares your pieces control. In Intermediate / Advanced, study a combination in Practice and try Challenge when you are ready.
4. Return to My gems to check your progress. Decide what you will do in the next session and save a backup when you reach a milestone you want to protect.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

When accompanying a child or student, let them choose and move their own pieces. Ask “How would the opponent reply?” and use a hint to start a conversation about the position.

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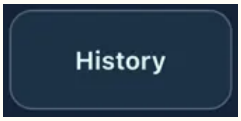

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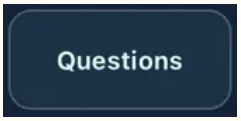

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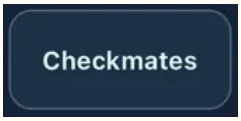

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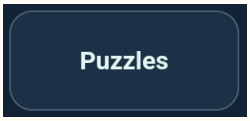

Puzzles

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If the board does not behave as expected

Check level → mode → turn → message

Before restarting the app, read the exercise's state. Many questions are resolved by identifying your mode and what the board is waiting for.

1. I cannot move: check that it is your turn, that the piece belongs to your side and that the move is legal. In Challenge, tap Start or Resume if shown.
2. My move is legal, but it is not accepted: advanced puzzles seek a particular continuation. Switch to Practice, review a hint and compare it with the exercise's idea.
3. I moved twice but did not give mate: in Basic, review your own move limit and the opponent's defences. Use Try again and calculate before tapping.
4. I cannot find the main buttons: open [Champion] · Activities, enter History or Questions and return to My journey. The journey's navigation reappears there.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

If a diagram is still loading, let it finish before moving. If the problem persists, note the champion, level and exercise number so you can explain it to support.

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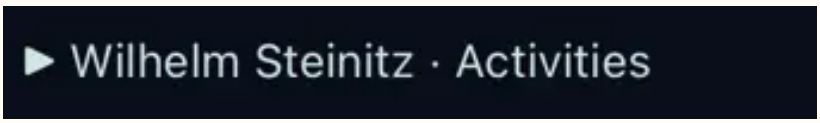
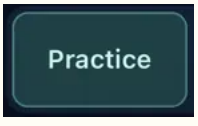


Wilhelm Steinitz · Activities



You play White



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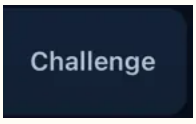

Challenge

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If a gem or progress seems to be missing

My journey → player and level → My gems

First check which player and level you are viewing. Then review the station’s requirements and the date of your latest backup.

1. The gem does not appear: open the champion’s card and check both indicators. You must complete all ten questions and the level’s required exercises.
2. I solved puzzles, but Challenge is not increasing: check that you solved them in Challenge and that they are the main For the gem puzzles. Practice and extras are recorded separately.
3. A checkmate is still missing in Basic: viewing a solution or repeating a completed checkmate does not add a different exercise. Choose another unfinished one and play it through to confirmation.
4. After restoring, players or progress changed: the JSON replaces the complete state. Check which file you restored. On iOS, Recover previous backup lets you return to the state before the latest restore.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Before clearing data, deleting the app or restoring another file, keep a backup of what you still have. Reinstalling the app does not automatically reconstruct local progress.

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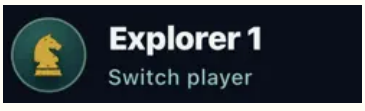
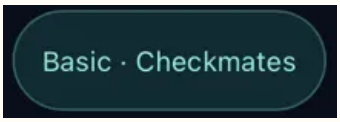
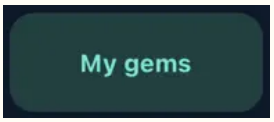


Switch player



Basic · Checkmates



My gems

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Quickly find what you need

Navigation reference

Use these routes once you know the app and want to reach a function directly. The enlarged details show its entry controls.

1. Continue the journey: My journey → Begin or Continue. Choose another station: Champions → champion's card.
2. Read and answer: History → Champion facts or Glossary → Continue to Questions. Repeat the questionnaire: Questions → result → Repeat the questions.
3. Train: Checkmates → selector, in Basic. Puzzles → Practice or Challenge → selector, in Intermediate / Advanced.
4. Check achievements: My gems → champion. Switch player: player's name → selection. Change level: level button in My journey.
5. Protect progress: three-dot menu → Save backup, on Android or iOS. Recover it: the corresponding Restore backup option.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

From the board, Activities → History or Questions → My journey returns you to the journey's main screen. This is useful when the bottom navigation is hidden.

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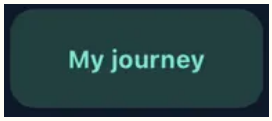
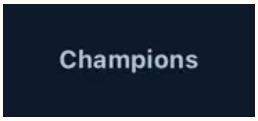


My journey



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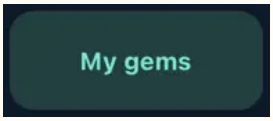

My gems


Android · Options


iOS · Options

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Find help and describe a problem

Official help links in this guide → questions and support

The app includes help for checking its rules. If you need support, describe the exact sequence that led to the problem so it can be identified.

1. Open your platform's help link at the end of this section. Consult the section for the level or function you are using. The app also includes documentation for offline reading.
2. Find the version in About this edition on Android or About on iOS. Also note the device model and operating system.
3. State the champion, level, mode and exercise number. Explain what you tapped, what you expected and which message appeared.
4. Write to gpacheco@ajedrezdesilicio.com. Attach a screenshot only if it helps explain the problem, and review its contents before sending. The email does not include your progress automatically.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Save a backup before making changes that could replace or delete your progress. Keep the original file if your question concerns a restore.

Official Android help →

Official iOS help →

Email support →

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Official sources and guide edition

Documentation checked on 22 November 2026

This guide is based on the official Android and iOS help, the store listings and checks of shared controls in the demo. Screenshots come from the apps' official publications.

1. Source numbers in each section's footer link to the corresponding documentation. Check the store for installation requirements and the current price.
2. The enlarged details preserve the original controls. Where a menu has a different name on Android and iOS, both routes are included. Example progress states belong to the official screenshots.
3. The English edition follows Traductor Ajedrez's instructions: faithful meaning, natural chess terminology and direct address to the reader. Spanish brand: Ajedrez de Silicio. English brand: Silicon Chess.

MAKE YOUR NEXT STEP COUNT

Your goal may be a gem, a combination understood or a new insight into a champion. Return to the board with that idea and continue your journey.

1 · Official Android help →

2 · Official iOS help →

3 · Google Play →

4 · App Store →

5 · Official demo →

6 · Android privacy →

7 · iOS privacy →

Sources: 1 · 2