

3. What is Castling?

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Castling is the only move in chess when two pieces move at the same time. In Castling the ♔ King and the ♖ Rook move at the same time. Castling is used to build a **Mighty Fortress** for the King.

1. **Kingside Castle:** The White King moves **two squares** to **g1** and the Rook moves to **f1**. The Black King moves **two squares** to **g8** and the Rook moves to **f8**. The King ends on the **same color** square as it started.
2. **Queenside Castle:** The White King moves **two squares** to **c1** and the Rook moves to **d1**. The Black King moves **two squares** to **c8** and the Rook moves to **d8**. The King ends on the **same color** square as it started.
3. If your King moves, you can **never** castle to either side. If a Rook moves, you can **not** castle with that Rook.
4. A King can never Castle **out** of Check.
5. A King can never Castle **through** Check.
6. A King can never Castle **into** Check.

Diagram 1 – White or Black to Move



Show how White can castle to the Kingside. Show how Black can castle to the Kingside.

Diagram 2 – White or Black to Move



Show how White can castle to the Queenside. Show how Black can castle to the Queenside.

Diagram 3 – White or Black to Move



Can White castle? Can Black castle?

Diagram 4 – White or Black to Move



Which side can White still castle on? Which side can Black still castle on?

Diagram 5 – White to Move



Can White castle here? What is Whites Best Move?

Diagram 6 – Black to Move



Can Black castle to the Kingside? Can Black castle to the Queenside?