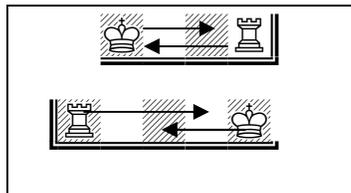


Castling



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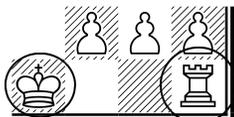
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Castling is a special type of move where you can move both the King and a rook in the same move.

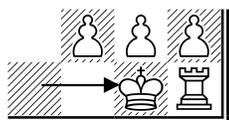
There are two types of castling:

- 1) King-side castling
- 2) Queen-side castling

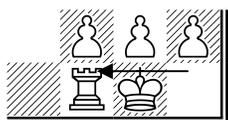
A **King-side castle** involves the King and the rook on the King-side of the board.



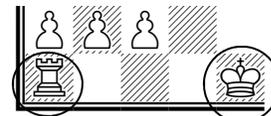
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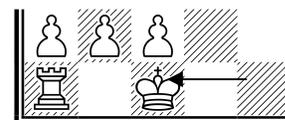
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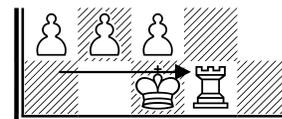
A **Queen-side castle** involves the King and the rook on the Queen-side of the board.



1) the King moves to the two squares toward the rook



2) The rook moves to the square on the other side of the King



You cannot castle if:

- 1) There are any pieces between your rook and king
- 2) Your king has already made a move
- 3) The rook to be used has made a move
- 4) Your King is in check
- 5) Your king would pass through check or end up in check

Notation;

- A King-side castle is recorded as O-O
- A queen-side castle is recorded as O-O-O

Why castle?

Castling tends to secure the king safely behind pawns and activates the rook.

Novices are often encouraged to castle "early-ish" in a game.