

Free Chess Tips

In the opening

Fight for the control of the centre of the board.



- Develop your pieces: get them out into the battle. The easiest ones to develop quickly are knights and bishops. If you bring your queen too early it can become an easy target and you may be forced to waste time moving it out again to avoid it being taken.
- Don't move too many pawns in the opening.
- Try not to move the same piece twice; get the rest of your pieces to help out first.

Before you make a move:

- Ask yourself "why did my opponent do that?" Try to work it out! How did that last move change the game? What you can do about it?
- Look at every check and capture.
- Try to have a plan.

Think about tactics:

Forks, pins, skewers, back rank mates, deflection, decoys, removing the guard, double check, discovered check.