

Forks

Chess

One piece attacking two, and which pieces fork best.

Every piece can fork; some do it far more often.

Piece	Forks	Look for
Knight	Best forker	Two targets a knight's move apart
Pawn	Very common	Two pieces on adjacent diagonals
Queen	Frequent	Two loose pieces on a line
Bishop	Diagonal pairs	Targets on one diagonal
Rook	Rank or file pairs	Two on a line
King	Endgame only	Adjacent enemy pieces

A royal fork attacks the king and queen at once. A family fork hits king, queen and rook — usually a knight on a central square.