

Fortresses

Chess

Drawn positions that cannot be broken despite material deficit.

Recognised drawn setups despite significant material deficits.

Fortress	Despite
Wrong-coloured bishop + rook pawn	Being a pawn up
Bishop + rook pawn vs king in the corner	Being a piece up
Rook and pawn vs rook, Philidor	Being a pawn down
Blocked pawn chain, opposite bishops	Two pawns down
Knight and bishop vs rook, blockaded	Material deficit
King and knight vs king and rook pawn	Being an exchange down

Recognising a fortress saves half a point from a lost position. Engines have historically evaluated some of them incorrectly.