

Piece Values

Chess

What each piece is worth, and the cases where the number is wrong.

Values in pawns. A guide for trading, not a law — position beats material more often than beginners expect.

Piece	Value	Note
Pawn	1	Worth more the further it advances
Knight	3	Stronger in closed positions
Bishop	3	The pair together is worth ~0.5 extra
Rook	5	Needs open files to be worth it
Queen	9	Weak if brought out too early
King	—	Cannot be traded; a fighting piece in the endgame

Rook against bishop or knight is 'the exchange', worth about two pawns. Trading down when ahead is usually right.