

Queen vs Pawn

Chess

Stopping a pawn on the seventh with a queen, and the two exceptions.

A queen normally beats a pawn on the seventh — except on two files.

1 Check the king

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Force it in front of its own pawn, blocking it.

2 Bring your king one square closer

2

While the pawn is blocked.

3 Repeat

3

Check, force the block, approach. The king walks in over several cycles.

4 Then mate or win the pawn

4

Once your king arrives.

THE EXCEPTIONS

Rook pawn (a or h): stalemate defence draws

Bishop pawn (c or f): stalemate defence draws

Knight and centre pawns: the queen wins

With a c- or f-pawn, the defender heads for the corner and stalemate saves the game. Know which files are exceptions.