

Which Endgames to Learn

Chess

The endgames that actually occur, in the order worth learning them.

Roughly by frequency and by value of knowing them.

Priority	Endgame
1	King and pawn vs king; the opposition
2	Lucena and Philidor rook positions
3	Basic mates: Q, R, two R
4	Rook and pawn vs rook, generally
5	Opposite-coloured bishops
6	Passed pawns and majorities
7	Bishop vs knight endings
8	Bishop and knight mate — last, and rarely

Rook endgames make up roughly half of all endgames that occur.
Bishop and knight mate arises in well under one game in a thousand.