

In-Between Moves

Chess

Inserting a forcing move before the expected reply.

A zwischenzug is a forcing move inserted before the expected continuation.

expected: recapture · better: check first, THEN recapture

They capture; you plan to recapture. Check first if you have one

The capture is still there afterwards.

Why it works

You gain a tempo or a piece.

They must answer the check

Defence

Before assuming a trade is forced.

Look for their in-between moves too

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✗ **Assuming a capture must be answered immediately**

✓ **Check for a stronger forcing move first**

Recapturing is rarely forced. A check or a bigger threat can be inserted, and often changes the evaluation entirely.

Also called an intermezzo. It is the most commonly missed resource in club calculation.