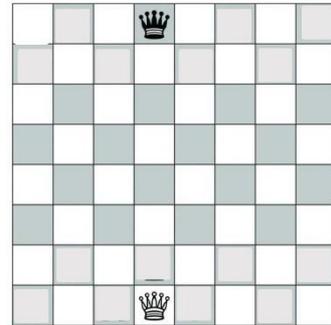


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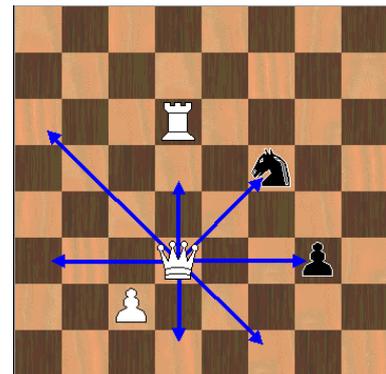
Team v's Queen

The Queen:

- *Where does it start?* Each player gets one queen to start with. The starting positions can be seen in the diagram on the right. Remember: the queen starts on its own colour – dark queen on a dark square and light queen on a light square.



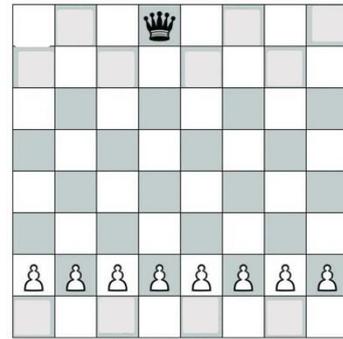
- *How does it move?* The queen is the most powerful piece of all the chess pieces and students will love it! It can be said the queen is the rook and bishop combined as it can move forwards, backwards and sideways (like the Rook) as well as diagonally (like the Bishop). Similar to the Bishop and Rook the Queen cannot jump over pieces.
- *How does it capture?* Similar to the Rook and Bishop the Queen captures the same way it moves. The queen moves into and stops at the square where it captures.



Team v's Queen Game

The board is set up as shown. This is a biased game.

Aim: White wins if one pawn gets to the other side of the board or if it captures the queen. Black wins if it captures all the pawns or captures most of the pawns and “road-blocks” the remaining pawn.



Note: Having allowed the students to play the game as shown bring them together for a quick group discussion on the demo board. “What is the best first move for white?”

Answer: to move the pawn opposite the Queen forward one square otherwise the Queen will capture it immediately.

The Eight Queen Conundrum

This is a puzzle which students can attempt individually or as a group.

Challenge: Imagine that instead of two sides in chess (black and white) there is 8 sides. The challenge is to place 8 Queens on the board in such a way that none of the Queens can capture each other. The rationale for including this is broaden the students’ understanding of the Queen. There exist many solutions online but through trial and error many primary students will devise their own.