

## **How the Chess Pieces Move**



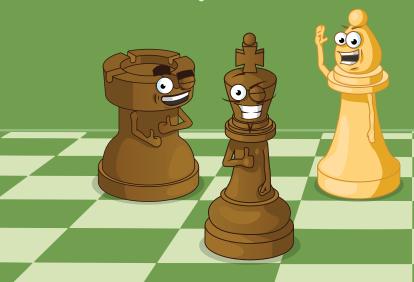
The rook can move as many squares as it likes left or right (horizontal), or up and down (vertical) as long as it isn't blocked. The rook moves like a "+" sign.



The bishop moves in a diagonal line, as many squares as it likes as long as it isn't blocked by a piece. The bishop moves like the letter "X."



The queen moves any number of squares vertically, horizontally or diagonally. She moves like a rook and bishop combined.







The king is a slow piece. He can only move (or capture) one square in any direction. When a king is attacked, it is called "check." It is the only piece that cannot be captured.



On the pawn's first move, it can move forward one or two squares. If a pawn has already moved, then it can move forward just one square at a time. Pawns capture diagonally one square.



The knight moves in a "L" shape, two squares in one direction, and then one square in the other direction. Knights are the only pieces that can jump over other pieces.





