

Practical chess

A few things to think about

Do you know the rules?

- * Running out of time
- * The two-minute rule
- * Illegal moves
- * Offering and accepting draws
- * Writing down the moves
- * Behaviour at the board

Winners don't rush

- * You get no credit at all for moving quicker than your opponent – all you usually get is a worse position
- * If you play someone of your own strength who always makes their moves instantly, and instead you take your time, you will win almost 100% of the time
- * The best players in the world play like this
- * If you want to get better, we guarantee this is the single biggest thing you should work on

Go over your games

- * After each game, go through the moves to see what you or your opponent could have done differently
- * It's often really helpful to use a computer to help you analyse the position
- * Let's look at a quick example of how a computer can help you out...
- * This is one reason why you should always record your moves (as long as the time limit is long enough!)

Going further

- * You can also use a chess computer to help you analyse positions that arise in certain openings
- * The combination of suitable chess books and a powerful computer can allow you to learn a lot on your own...
- * ...but it's also important to practice playing against other people as often as possible
- * The main thing is – have fun!

Any questions...?