



Reykjavik Open Pub Quiz 2026

Welcome!

The quiz is simple. We form teams. Preferably teams of 2 but teams up to 4 are allowed.

30 Questions will be asked.

When the Quiz has finished you will change your paper with another team and we will look at the correct answers and the other team grades your paper.....

Questions?

Question #1

Who is the only 2600+ Grandmaster to have played the 2024, 2025 and 2026 Reykjavik Open?

Question #2

Two days from now, March 29th the much anticipated Candidates tournament will start with a diverse and interesting field.

But in which country is the 2026 Candidates tournament held??

Question #3

In the last official published FIDE rating list (March 2026), who is the youngest 2700+ rated player in the world?

Question #4

What is the exact current FIDE rating of the top seed at the 2026 Reykjavik Open, M.Amin Tabatabaei?



Question #5

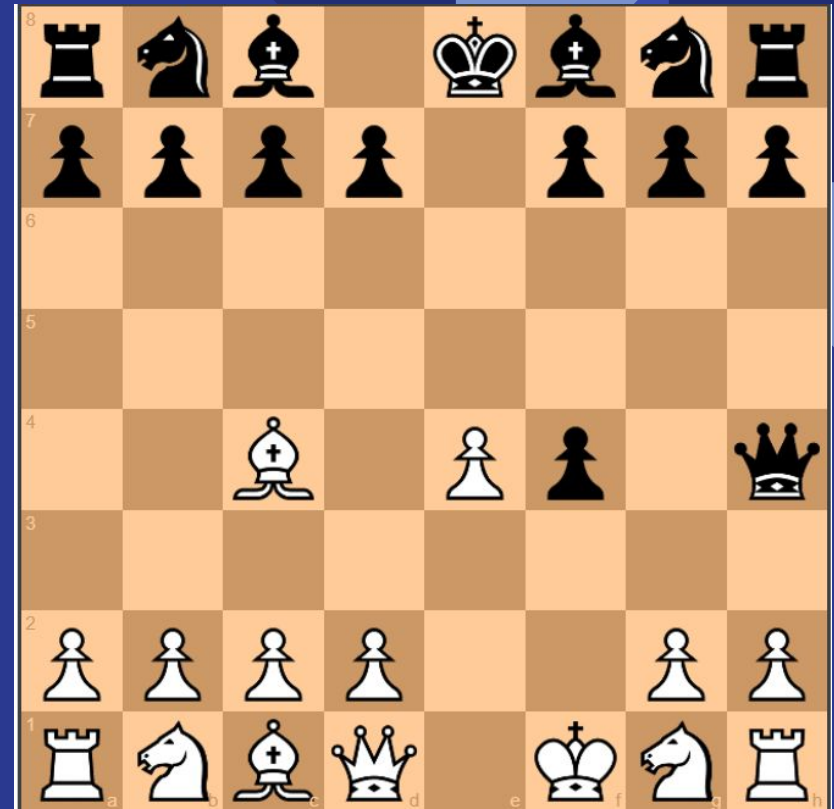
The Tata Steel Chess tournament in Wijk aan Zee is always one of the highlights of the chess calendar. This year the tournament was won by **Abdusattorov** of **Uzbekistan**. Many players are however very often captivated by the Challengers group which features some well chosen veterans, young players and aggressive female players.

Who was the winner of this years 2026 **Tata Steel Challengers**?

Question #6

We join the “Immortal game” between Anderssen and Kieseritzky (1851) after white’s 4th move 4.Kf1

In an era of attack and counterattacks, which move did black make here?



Question #7

I am the only player to win the European Championship twice.

I've qualified for the Candidates once.

I have beaten the current World Champion this year (2026)

I crossed 2700 for the first time in my career in live ratings this year.

WHO AM I?

Question #8

This Grandmaster was the president of ACP from 2012 to 2019, FIDE director-general 2018-2022 and most recently FIDE Ceo since 2022...he also tends to be the victim of twitter beefs started by Peter Heine-Nielsen!

He is also a strong Grandmaster with an uncompromising style and a peak 2703 rating (January 2012).

Who is he?

Question #9

Legendary Dutch GM and 9x Dutch champion Jan Timman sadly passed away earlier this year.

One of his most recent book was the well received...

The Art of theWHAT???

The Art
of the



My Journeys in
the Magical
World of
Endgame Studies

by Jan Timman

NEW IN CHESS

Question #10

Since July 13, 2004, Bobby has been detained at Narita airport on immigration violations. Further events have been described by media.

It is clear that the law is the law. But Fischer's case is not usual. I am an old friend of Bobby since 1960 when we played in Mar-del-Plata and shared 1-2 places. Bobby is a tragic personality. I realized this at that time. He is an honest and good natured man. Absolutely not social. He is not adaptable to everybody's standards of life. He has a very high sense of justice and is unwilling to compromise as well as with his own conscience as with surrounding people. He is a person who is doing almost everything against himself.

I would not like to defend or justify Bobby Fischer. He is what he is. I am asking only for one thing. For mercy, charity.

This is part of a letter that was written to president George Bush...but who wrote it?

Question #11

This Austrian GM has a very nice YouTube channel (especially for ambitious players)

What is his name?



Question #12

This year, in September, the 2026 Chess Olympiad will be held.

But in which country will it be held?

Question #13

This is Elmar Magerramov who was featured in the nice book “Genius in the background” some years ago.

In this position he uncorked the nice sequence 50.Ng5+! Nxf5 51.Kh5!! and went on to win in one of many training games he had with a future chess legend.

Who was that chess legend?



Question #14

We are near the end of a brilliant game played this year at the Prague Masters. White now sacrificed his Queen on f7 having already left it hanging for two moves previously in the game.

Who had the white pieces?



Question #15

Grandmasters Vladimir Akopian, Alexei Shirov, Vasyi Ivanchuk and Michael Adams.

What do these players have in common which happened in the period 1999-2004.



Question #16

How many FIDE World Championships, Classical, Rapid and Blitz has Magnus Carlsen won following his very successful 2025 Rapid & Blitz wins?

Question #17

Wei Yi has qualified for the 2026 candidates and the former super-prodigy is currently the Chinese #1 player.

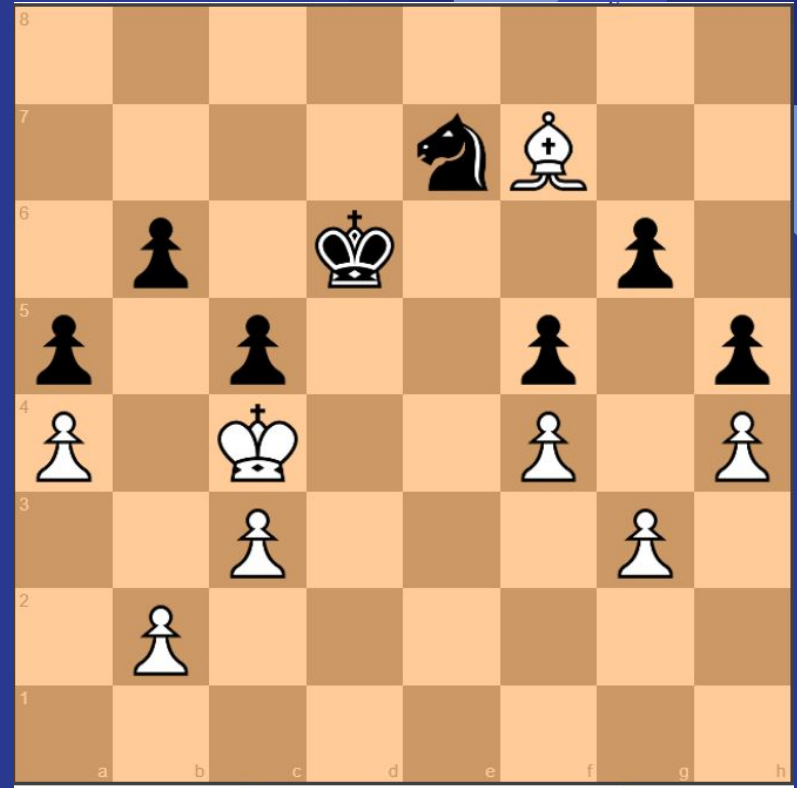
Who is the #2 chinese player in this moment in time? (including inactive players)



Question #18

One of the more famous endings in Chess history. Bobby Fischer had the White pieces and demonstrated the Superiority of the bishop over a knight In positions with pawns on both sides

But who had the black pieces?



Question #19

In a normal Swiss system tournament with 50 players, player number 11 in the starting rank will play against which player (number) in the starting rank?

Question #20

The popular American IM and streamer John Bartholomew was one of the founders of the website [Chessable.com](https://chessable.com) which most chess players know by now.

Recently John introduced a new website where users can play against a multitude of bots with different strengths.



What is the name of the website?

Question #21

The final position of the immortal Zugzwang game after black's 25...h6! after which white resigned.

Who had the black pieces in this game?



Question #22

This is Juninho Pernambucano, he played the majority of his career for a French team and towards the back end of his career he played for a team in the USA.

Incidentally these two cities split a certain World Chess Championship match.

Which year was this?



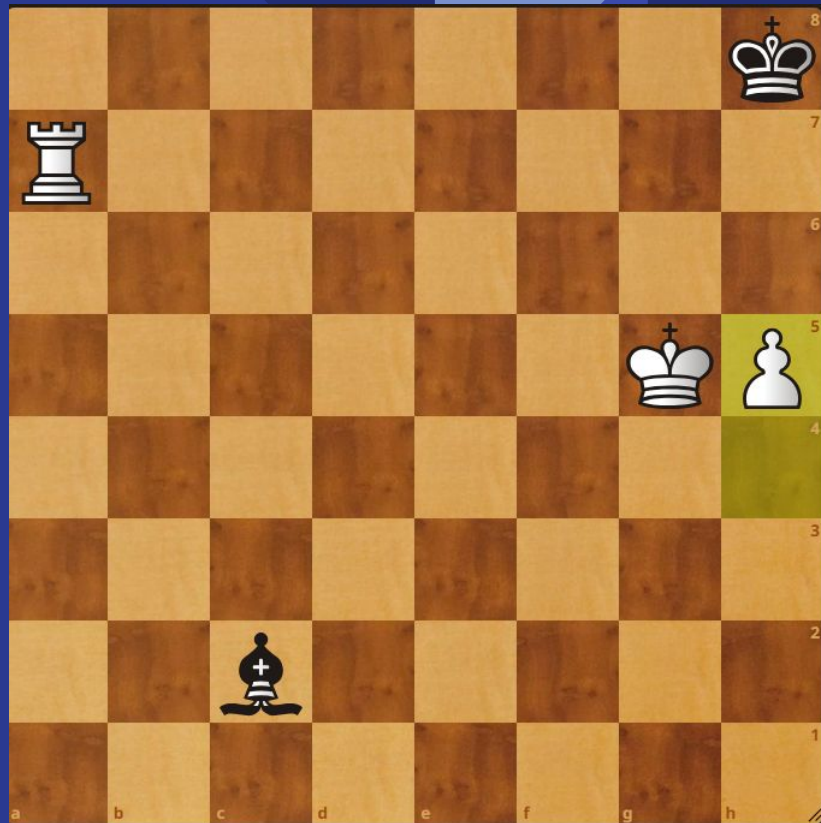
Question #23

White just played his pawn from h4 to h5.
This...

A: ...throws away the win and it's now a
DRAW

B: ...is still completely WINNING for white

C: ...should still be objectively winning for
white if he knows the correct MANEUVER



Question #24

A Grandmaster from England
And a former NBA basketball
Player who played for the Denver
Nuggets among other team.

But what do they have in
common?



Question #25

This is the FIDE rating list in 1982. World Champ Karpov sits on top of the list and an up-and-coming Kasparov is moving closer and closer.

Who is the player at #2 often nicknamed “The best in the west”?

January 1982 - FIDE Rating List

- 1 . Karpov,An. USR 2720
- 2 .  2655
- 3 . Kortchnoi,V. SUI 2645
- 4 . Kasparov,G. USR 2640
- 5 . Portisch,L. HUN 2630
- 6 . Spassky,B. USR 2625

Question #26

Counting federations in the March 1st FIDE top 50: **USA** has 8 players in the top 50, **India** has 7 players.

Which federation is #3, helped by one old lion dodging “inactive” by seemingly only playing in the Bundesliga?

Question #27

If you go to ratings.fide.com and you ask for Grandmasters only, you sort by **Name** and you do it in an **Ascending** order, i.e. *Alphabetical*.

Who is the first Grandmaster that comes up alphabetically?

Hint: If you haven't heard of him you are expelled from the quiz!!



The image shows a vertical sidebar of search filters on the FIDE ratings website. The filters are as follows:

- GrandMaster** (highlighted in yellow)
- All (Untitled and Arb./Tr./I) (dropdown arrow)
- Any B-Year start (dropdown arrow)
- Any B-Year end (dropdown arrow)
- Rating from: 0 | Rating to: 3500
- Gender: All Male Female
- Exclude Inactive (FIDE rated only)
- Exclude Rated players
- Sort by: **Name** (highlighted in yellow), Federation, Rating (FIDE rated only)
- Order: Descending, **Ascending** (highlighted in yellow)

Question #28

Vincent Keymer

Alireza Firouzja

R.Praggnanadhaa

Order these three GM's from oldest to youngest!



Question #29

The Candidates start on the 29th, name all the Candidates that will battle for the right to challenge World Champion Gukesh!

Question #30

What is the name of this variation, 3...Nc6 against the Tarrasch French

