20 chess openings on 2 pages

The main line, the level and the one idea to remember for each opening.
Every card links to a free interactive trainer: play the moves, get instant feedback.

Openings for White

Italian Game BEGINNER
Bishop aims at f7; choose a slow build-up or a sharp attack.
`1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4`
Practise it free >

London System BEGINNER
One solid setup with an early Bf4 against almost any defence.
`1.d4 d5 2.Bf4`
Practise it free >

Queen's Gambit BEGINNER
Offer the c-pawn to pull Black's d5 pawn away from the centre.
`1.d4 d5 2.c4`
Practise it free >

Scotch Game BEGINNER
Open the centre at once for free, active piece play.
`1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4`
Practise it free >

Vienna Game BEGINNER
Keep the f-pawn free for an early f4 strike.
`1.e4 e5 2.Nc3`
Practise it free >

Ruy Lopez INTERMEDIATE
Hit the knight that guards e5; build slow, lasting pressure.
`1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5`
Practise it free >

English Opening INTERMEDIATE
Control d5 from the side and keep the centre flexible.
`1.c4`
Practise it free >

King's Gambit INTERMEDIATE
Give the f-pawn to open the f-file and grab the centre.
`1.e4 e5 2.f4`
Practise it free >

How to learn an opening fast

1. Pick ONE opening for White and one defence each against 1.e4 and 1.d4.
2. Learn the ideas, not just the moves: why each piece goes where it goes.
3. Drill the main line in the trainer until you can play it without hints.
4. Play it in real games, then review where you left the book with Game Review.
5. Stuck in a position? Paste the FEN into the move finder and see Stockfish's plan.

Openings for Black

Scandinavian Defense BEGINNER
Hit e4 at once for a simple, healthy position.
`1.e4 d5`
Practise it free >

Caro-Kann Defense INTERMEDIATE
Solid centre with the light-squared bishop still free.
`1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5`
Practise it free >

French Defense INTERMEDIATE
Solid pawn chain; counter-attack with ...c5 and ...f6.
`1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5`
Practise it free >

Sicilian Defense INTERMEDIATE
Fight for d4 from the side in an unbalanced game.
`1.e4 c5`
Practise it free >

Alekhine Defense INTERMEDIATE
Attack e4 with the knight and invite White to overextend.
`1.e4 Nf6`
Practise it free >

Pirc Defense INTERMEDIATE
Let White build a centre, then strike with ...c5 or ...e5.
`1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6`
Practise it free >

Slav Defense INTERMEDIATE
Defend d5 with the c-pawn and keep the bishop free.
`1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6`
Practise it free >

King's Indian Defense INTERMEDIATE
Castle fast, then ...e5 and a kingside pawn storm.
`1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6`
Practise it free >

Nimzo-Indian Defense INTERMEDIATE
Pin the c3 knight and fight for the e4 square.
`1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4`
Practise it free >

Dutch Defense INTERMEDIATE
Grab e4 with the f-pawn and aim for a kingside attack.
`1.d4 f5`
Practise it free >

Grunfeld Defense ADVANCED
Let White take the centre, then hit it with ...Bg7 and ...c5.
`1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5`
Practise it free >

Bonus

Respond to Opening Mistakes ALL LEVELS
Punish exposed kings and loose pieces in the opening.
`5 practice lines`
Practise it free >

Stuck in a position? Find the best move in seconds.
Paste a FEN or set up the board. Stockfish 17.1 shows the best move, eval and top 3 lines.
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