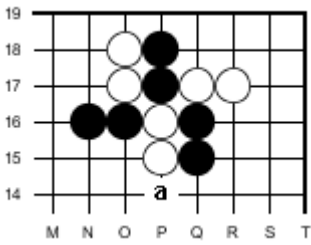
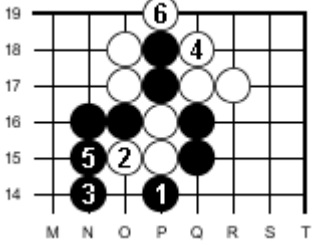
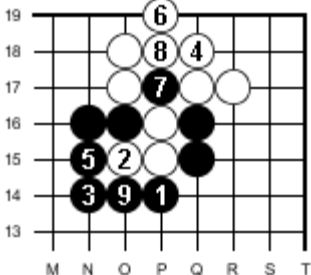
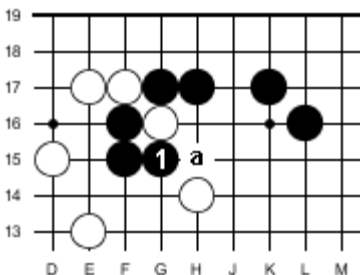
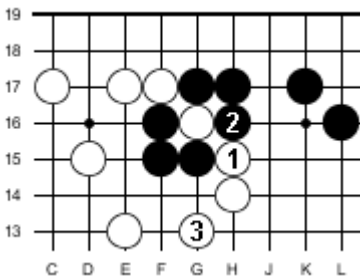


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Learn the Squeeze Tesuji

The squeeze tesuji occurs when your opponent has 1 more liberty than you do. See example 1 below. It is blacks turn to play but the ladder is in white's favour. What should he do?

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| <p>Example 1. The ladder at “a” is good for white. Black to play.</p> | <p>Black 3 is the key move. White has no choice but to atari with 4. Black squeezes with 5 and black captures with 6.</p> |
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| <p>Black can throw in with 7 before squeezing with 9 to reduce white's eye space. After 9 black is thick on the outside and his stones are connected..</p> | <p>The play of black 1 is a very bad move. It should be at “a” if he really desires to capture the single white stone. White will punish black. How?</p> |
|  | <p>White 1 attacks at the false eye point. The 3 black stones are squeezed and become useless.</p> <p>Better black had abandoned his two stones. White gains considerably in the exchange.</p> |