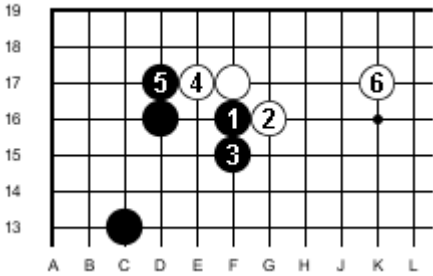
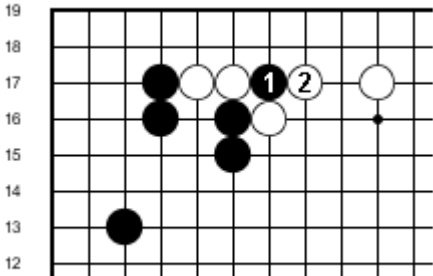
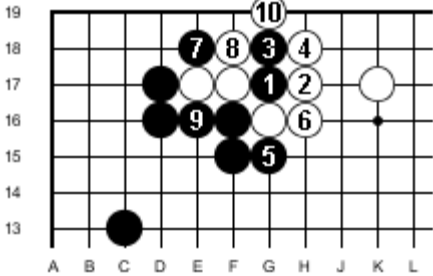
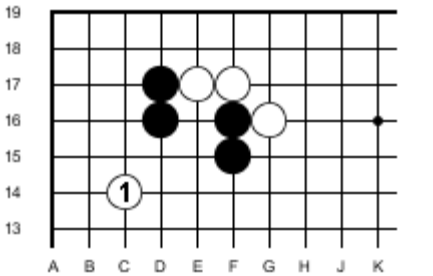


Basic Concepts - Level 1 - 7

When your stone is under atari on the 3'rd line - extend down

This proverb means it is often better to sacrifice 2 stones rather than 1 on the 3'rd line. When a beginner learns this and understands it he is getting stronger.

Example A A seki is a living shape in which both white and black do not have 2 eyes but yet are alive because they share eye space. Neither side counts any territory in a seki.

	
<p>The above sequence of moves to 6 is a common pattern in which both black and white may be satisfied.</p>	<p>The question arises as to what happens if black cuts at 1. White ataris with 2 and there is no way the black stone can escape. However, the proverb says that black should extend down regardless.</p>
	
<p>The above sequence to 10 is forced and black has played 5 and 7 in sente solidifying the corner territory. White's stone at K-17 is over concentrated so we conclude that the sacrifice of black 3 has been effective. (Black ends with sente)</p> <p>Note: The key idea with black 3 is that gains an extra liberty in the coming struggle. It is the liberty that gives black sente.</p>	<p>Problem white plays 1 threatening to push through and cut. How can black counter this threat?</p>

