

Introduction to Slav Defense

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6

3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Bf5 7.e3 e6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Bd6 (Exchange variation)

3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 **e6** (Semi Slav)

3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 **dxc4** (Slav)

5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Bg6 10.e4 0-0 11.Bd3 Line

5.e3 b5 6.a4 b4 7.Na2 e6 8.Bxc4 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 a5 12.Bd2 Nbd7

5.e4 b5 6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 e6 8.Ng5 h6 9.Nge4 b4 10.Nb1 Ba6

5.Ne5 Nbd7 6.Nxc4 b5 7.Ne3 Bb7

5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 b5 8.Bg5 Bb7 9.a4 Qb6 10.Ne5 Rd8 11.Nxd7 Rxd7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.e3 h5

5.Bg5 b5 6.e3 Nd5 7.Be2 Nd7 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Qd2 N7f6 10.Qc2 e6 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3

5.Bf4 b5

The Slav Defense has reputation as one of Black's strongest answers to 1 d4. It is hugely respected by the top Grandmasters and it has been used by almost all the World Champions in chess history.

Put simply, the Slav is a classy opening, one which combines reliability and dynamic counter play.

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