A grown-up's guide to RankUp Chess

Where everything is, what to press first, and what you control. For parents, grandparents and teachers. Four pages.



Start here: three steps

1 Pick who's playing.

The first screen asks **Who's Playing?** Tap a name, or **Add Profile** for each child: up to 8 players on one device, each with their own progress.

2 Press the big green button.

On Home, **Continue** always starts the one right next thing: the next lesson, today's puzzle or a game against the right bot. **Today's Adventure** under it has three small quests and a chest.

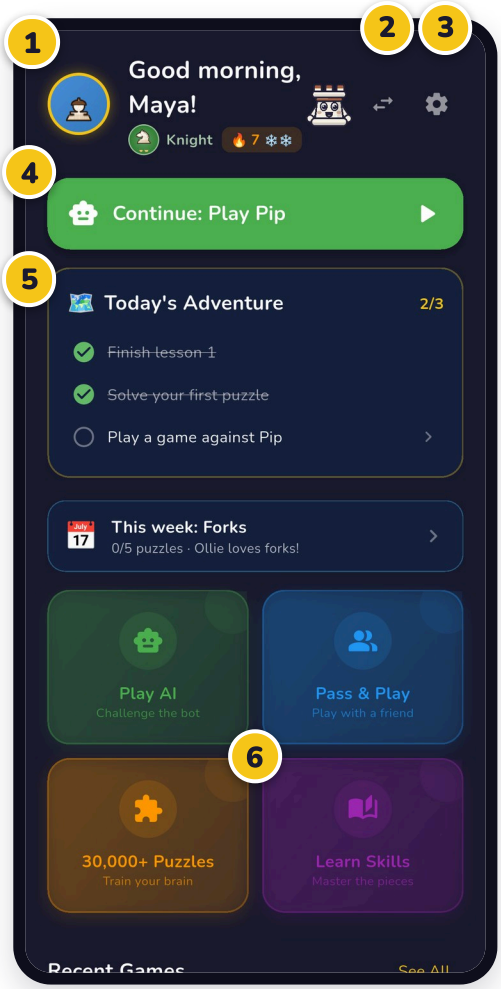
3 Grown-up things ask for a grown-up.

Buying, web links, backups, the Parent Dashboard and deleting a profile first ask you to press and hold a button for 3 seconds, then answer a times-table question written in words. Prefer a PIN? **Settings → Parental Controls → Require PIN.**

Home at a glance

1. **The player's picture.** Tap it for their profile and stats.
2. **Switch player** (⇄): back to Who's Playing?
3. **Settings** (⚙): the grown-up area, page 3.
4. **Continue**: the next thing to do.
5. **Today's Adventure**: three quests a day, then a chest to open.
6. **The four doors**: Play AI, Pass & Play, Puzzles and Learn Skills, page 2.

Scroll down Home for More: the Daily Challenge, Puzzle Dash, fun games, the Opening Explorer and Recent Games.

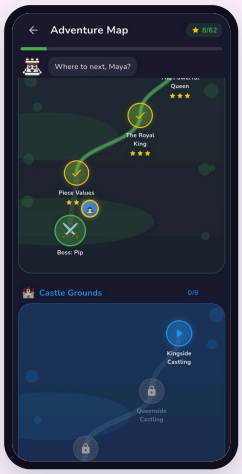


Home, for a player called Maya. Your child sees their own name, rank and streak.

Where everything is

Home has four big doors. Everything else is under More.

Learn Skills

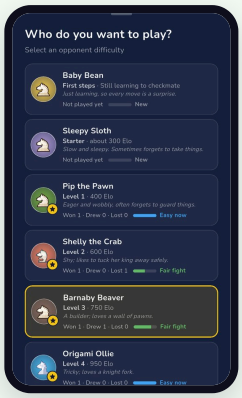


The **Adventure Map**: 68 short lessons that Rook reads aloud, across 9 lands from Little Garden to My First Tournament.

Stars show how each lesson went. Each land ends with a friendly boss game, and a finished land earns a certificate.

Home → Learn Skills

Play AI

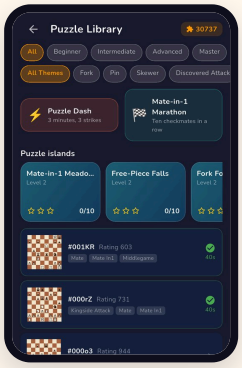


Choose an opponent from **12 friendly bots**, from Baby Bean, who is still learning to checkmate, up to a 2400-rated bot.

Each bot's card shows your child's wins, draws and losses against it, so you can see when it is time for the next one.

Home → Play AI → Start Game

30,000+ Puzzles

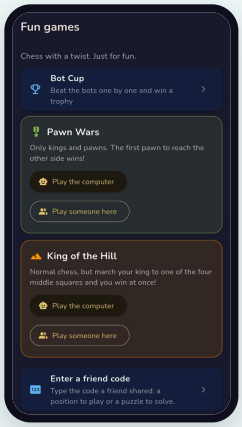


The **Puzzle Library**: 30,737 puzzles, by level and by theme (forks, pins, mates…), plus puzzle islands.

Puzzle Dash (3 minutes, 3 strikes) and the **Mate-in-1 Marathon** (ten checkmates in a row) sit at the top.

Home → 30,000+ Puzzles

More: fun games



Further down Home: **Bot Cup**, **Pawn Wars**, **King of the Hill**, **Enter a friend code** (a position or puzzle a friend shared) and a **Club tournament** on one device or real boards.

Also there: the Daily Challenge, Opening Adventures and Recent Games.

Home → scroll to More

Pass & Play

Two players, one screen: a grown-up and a child, or two friends. Each side moves in turn.

To have each player's pieces at the bottom on their turn, switch on **Auto-Rotate Board** in **Settings → Board**.

Home → Pass & Play

Daily Challenge



Today's puzzle, picked for your child's level, with hints and a skip. Free every day; the unlock makes it unlimited.

Home → scroll to More → Daily Challenge

Recent Games (on Home, above More) lists the latest games: tap one to replay it. The full review, which grades every move, is free once a week and unlimited with the unlock.

The grown-up area

Settings is the ⚙ at the top right of Home.

Settings, from top to bottom. Sections marked **GROWN-UP** ask for the grown-up check (or your PIN) first.

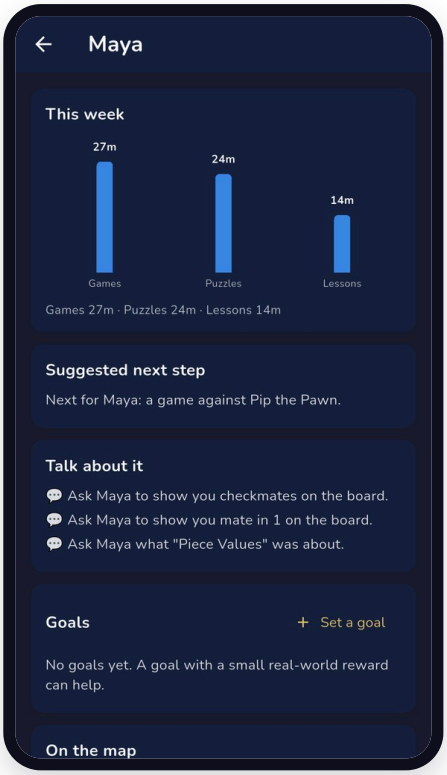
Unlock GROWN-UP	At the very top: the one-time unlock, with **Restore Purchase** on its screen. Once unlocked, it says so.
Board	Board theme (8 to choose from), tap or drag to move, a bigger board, legal-move hints, coordinates, and Auto-Rotate Board for Pass & Play.
Audio	Sound effects and music, each with its own volume.
Accessibility	Haptics, piece labels and high contrast.
AI	How fast the computer moves, the bots' speech bubbles, and how much Rook talks in practice games.
Parental Controls GROWN-UP	Require PIN, the **Parent Dashboard**, grown-up cards in lessons, nearby play and more.
Healthy play GROWN-UP	A daily time limit, a bedtime, break reminders and one gentle daily reminder. A game in progress always finishes first.
Account	Switch to a different player.
About & Legal	Send feedback, privacy policy, licences.
Backup & Restore GROWN-UP	Export a full backup of every player's progress, restore from a backup, or export your data as CSV.

The grown-up check

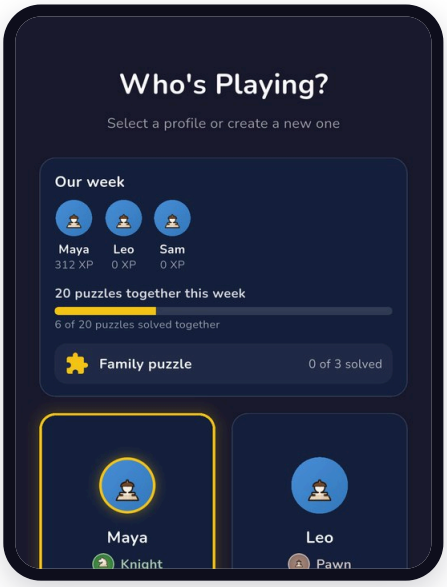
Press and hold the button for 3 seconds, then type the answer to a times-table question written in words, such as "What is seven times eight?". Too many wrong answers pause it for a short while. With **Require PIN** on, your PIN is asked instead.

Set a goal together

In the Parent Dashboard, open your child's page and tap **Set a goal**. A goal with a small real-world reward can help: Home shows it to your child and celebrates when it is reached.



Parent Dashboard (Settings → Parental Controls): time played, lessons and puzzles this week, a suggested next step, things to talk about, and goals you can set.



Who's Playing? shows the family's week together at the top.

Free, unlocked, and quick answers

No ads. No chat. No account needed to play.

Free, for good

- Every rule of chess, in the first three lands: Little Garden, Beginner Village and Castle Grounds
- Friendly bots up to Level 3, and Pass & Play
- Daily Challenges and Pawn Wars
- Four board themes: Treehouse, Classic, Coral Reef and Sing-Along
- One full game review a week
- Up to 8 players on a device

One unlock adds

- Six more lands, up to My First Tournament: 68 lessons in all
- The whole puzzle library: 30,737 puzzles at the right level
- All 12 bots, up to 2400, and Rook's coaching in every practice game
- Unlimited game reviews, the Opening Explorer and every opening adventure
- King of the Hill and all 8 board themes
- One payment, no subscription; it covers every child in your family

Does it need the internet?

No. Lessons, puzzles and bots all work offline. When it is online, the app checks your purchase and the prices.

We bought it on another device.

On the unlock screen, tap **Restore Purchase**. Bought on a different kind of device? Sign in under Restore Purchase with the email you bought with: a 6-digit code arrives, no password.

New phone or tablet?

Old device: **Settings → Backup & Restore → Export Full Backup**. New device: **Restore from Backup**. Every player's progress comes with it.

How do I set a time limit or a bedtime?

Settings → Healthy play. Limits are checked between activities, so a game is never cut off halfway.

It's too loud.

Settings → Audio: turn the music or sound effects down, or off.

My little one finds a lesson hard.

Lessons can be replayed from the Adventure Map. Little Garden lessons have short **grown-up cards**: what to say, something to try on a real board, and when to stop.

I want to...	Go to	I want to...	Go to
Start the next lesson	Home → **Continue**	Change the board's look	**Settings → Board**
Play the computer	Home → **Play AI**	Set a time limit or bedtime	**Settings → Healthy play**
Play each other	Home → **Pass & Play**	See progress, set a goal	**Settings → Parental Controls → Parent Dashboard**
Solve puzzles	Home → **30,000+ Puzzles**	Add or switch a player	Home → ⇄
Replay a game	Home → **Recent Games**	Move to a new device	**Settings → Backup & Restore**



Still stuck? Write to us: support@stillwareltd.com

More about the app, and the free chess sing-along kit: **stillwareltd.com/rankupchess**