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Chess Cheat Sheet

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Move Mental Checklist

Do I have any checking moves?

If Yes, do they accomplish anything?

Can I be checked?

Are any of my pieces hanging or underdefended?

Does my opponent have any weaknesses I can exploit?

Are there any tactics open to me?

e.g., Discovered attacks, Forks, Pins, Skewers

Can I move any pieces to a more active position?

Can I occupy or control any outpost[1] squares or open files?

Can I blockade an enemy's knight or bishop with a pawn push?

[1] An outpost is a square on the fourth, fifth, sixth, or seventh rank which is protected by a pawn and which cannot be attacked by an opponent's pawn.

Ruy Lopez

1.	e4	e5	
2.	Nf3	Nc6	
3.	Bb5		

Morphy Defence

3.	...	a6	
	(Exchange Variation) No material advantage:		
4.	Bxc6	dxc6	
5.	Nxe5	Qd4	Qd4 forks the knight and pawn.
	(Open Defence)		
4.	Ba4	Nf6	
5.	0-0	Nxe4	

Italian Game

1.	e4	e5	
2.	Nf3	Nc6	
3.	Bc4		
	(Giuoco Piano)		
3.	...	Bc5	
	:::	(Main Line)	
4.	c3		
	:::	(Evans Gambit)	
4.	b4		If ... Bxb4, 5.c3. If ... Bb6, 5.a4 a6.
	:::	(Giuoco Pianissimo)	
4.	d3		
	:::	(Four Knights Variation)	
4.	Nc3	Nf6	
	(Two Knights Defense)		
3.	...	Nf6	



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