

Online Chess Resources

Online	Pros	Cons
Chess.com (to play chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Large player base2. Puzzles3. Interactive lessons	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Subscription required to unlock all features (unlimited puzzles, video lessons)
Chesskid.com (to play chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kid-friendly2. Progress tracking3. Safe play for children (no chat)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Subscription required to unlock all features (unlimited puzzles, video lessons)2. Limited to older kids (10+) after a certain skill level
Lichess (to play chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Free to play2. Unlimited Puzzles3. Ability to save games / puzzles in an easily accessible database	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Lacks guided content for beginners2. Video trainings organized by theme (opening, middlegame endgame) vs. skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced)
ChessMood (to study chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Customized study plans based on skill level2. Step-by-step video courses from intermediate to master level taught by grandmasters3. Downloadable PDFs/Guides to reinforce concepts	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Geared towards more competitive players serious about chess improvement2. Expensive (at least \$79 per month with annual plan)

ChessTempo (to study chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excellent puzzle base organized by theme 2. Puzzles are taken from real games vs. AI generated 3. Detailed performance analytics to track accuracy by theme allowing coaches / parents to identify strengths and weaknesses of student's pattern recognition 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geared towards more competitive players serious about chess improvement 2. Subscription required to unlock all puzzle features (engine analysis, multiple variation analysis)
Chessable (to study chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MoveTrainer Technology utilizing spaced repetition and active recall to help players recall openings and tactical patterns efficiently. 2. Huge Library of courses for beginner to grandmaster level 3. Gamified learning allowing users to practice moves while reading vs. reading passively 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Expensive premium content. The average Chessable course including video is ~\$100+ 2. Limited over the board focus. The repetitive drill format is great to memorize patterns but does not help develop strategic and positional understanding which comes from playing games over the board. 3. Each course must be purchased separately rather than as a subscription service to unlock all course content.
Chessbase (to study chess)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Largest offline chess database allowing deep game analysis and preparation against opponents 2. Lifetime access with a one-time purchase 3. Hide/unhide variations allowing users to focus on key lines when creating and reviewing opening variations 4. Advanced engine integration with Stockfish and Komodo to analyze positions in detail 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Steep learning curve to learn all of the intricacies of the software. 2. Expensive compared to free alternatives (ex. Lichess). A license costs around \$150 - 300 USD depending on the offline database(s) purchased.