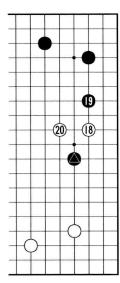
- **①** *Li Yue:* This was too wide for black; D would have been better. If White invaded as shown in Diagram 3, it would be difficult for Black to attack, and it leaves **②** in danger.
- ② Li Yue: This is a good move for White; he now has eyeshape.



Li Yue: Black can consider playing as in Diagram 4 and making E and F miai. By taking in Diagram 4 before White has the chance to do so as in the actual game, he gives himself good shape and removes eyeshape for White.

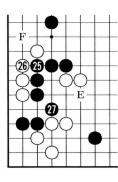


Diagram 4: Variation from move 25

Diagram 3: Variation from move 18

- **Ron Polak: If Black intends to cut off the stones at 20, he will put a significant burden on White's stones at the bottom
- 30 Li Yue: White makes a tough, "do or die", decision in the heat of the game, and go for killing Black.
- 3 Li Yue: It's a difficult fight
- 3 Ron Polak: Will White dare to make that second cut?
- 3 Li Yue: It's complicated for White, but playable.
- ② Ron Polak: Hooray! It's a daring warrior! Perhaps he is taking courage from the audience of 250 people on KGS ...
- **(b)** *Li Yue:* Black will collapse if White plays G white needs to find that tesuji.
- (4) Li Yue: Ah, this move works as well!

- (4) Li Yue: I am leaving now; Ron will continue the analysis.
- BGAadmin: Macfadyen has used 70 minutes, Cann 65
- ® Ron Polak: This is the only move here; trying to find an exit for the group of stones around move 30. These fights are very time-consuming; a single wrong move ends the game.
- Men Polak: It is absolutely necessary to play one move higher here, at 66, as shown in diagrams 5, 6 and 7. White need not fear the cut as he would get compensation on the lower side. In Diagram 5 we see that the hoshi stone from move 4 acts as a ladder-breaker, so that this variation.

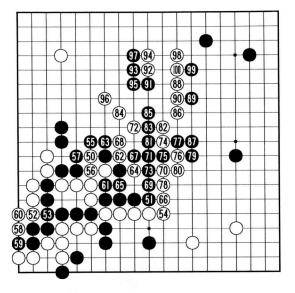


Figure 2: Moves 51–100

tion is good for white. In Diagram 6 the variation is clearly good for white. And finally in Diagram 7, White has one more liberty on his group around move ③, so he can link up and make the Black group on the lower side very weak.

- 69 Ron Polak: The weaker move at 54 instead of at 66 may give Black a hope of making his group around move 53 alive in seki.
- **10** Ron Polak: Black welcomes this seki, since it only exists if White can make his corner group live, and this does not look likely.

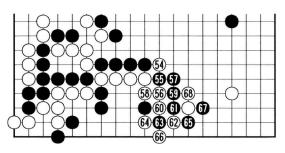


Diagram 5: Variation 1 from move 54

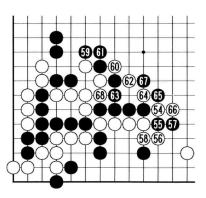


Diagram 6: Variation 2 from move 54

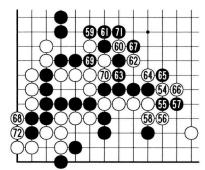


Diagram 7: Variation 3 from move 54

1 BGAadmin: The next move is sealed; it is in the referee's pocket while everyone has lunch.

B BGAadmin: Cann has used 100 minutes, Macfadyen 75.

Ron Polak: This move saves Black from being squashed into an unpleasant dango; since the White lower left corner is dead, Black has killed both this group and the stones which appear to be in seki. The apparently tiny difference of playing move 54 where it is instead of at

® appears to have been the game-losing move.

® Ron Polak: White tries to catch the central stones, but they will break out. It is a vulgar sequence for Black, but sufficient.

® BGAadmin: White Resigns

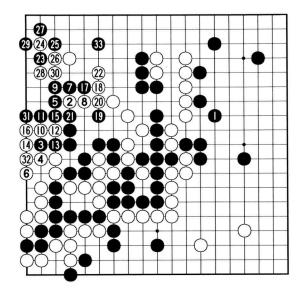


Figure 3: Moves 101-133

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(see Figure 1 on page 34) This pattern is unusual; the more common pattern is shown in Diagram 1.

7 Black can also consider a low shimari at A.

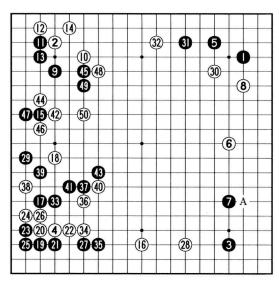


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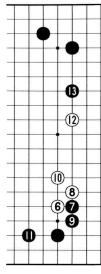


Diagram 1: Variation from move 6

[®] Normally, White has to defend at 34, as shown in Diagram 2.

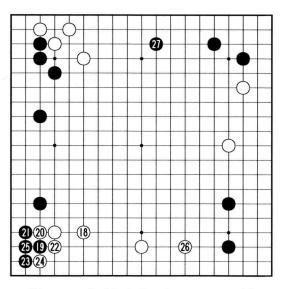


Diagram 2: Variation from move 18

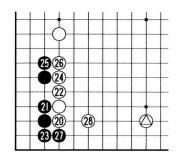


Diagram 3: Variation from move 20

in Diagram 3 White's wall would be powerful, but the position of
 would be strange.

- ② It is probably better to block from the other side, as shown in Diagram 3
- A huge move.
- Mhite is trying to play actively, but it would be gentle to defend at 33.
- The vital point.
- ② An overplay. The nobi at 43 is the only move.
- The vital point.
- White has no alternative at this point; one option which results in his group being captured is shown in Diagram 4.

Figure 2: Moves 51-100

- (6) White can also defend at 100.
- (8) The wrong direction of play. White should first connect his groups at B.
- 1 Now the fighting is promising for Black.
- ® An urgent move, defending against the cutting tesuji at 85.
- 1 made a miscalculation here. I thought I could cut off the group including n. I should have played at 92, which is the normal way to continue. The position would be clearly favourable for Black.
- I was ready to play the atari at C, but suddenly noticed that White can connect the group easily by taking with D. What a shame! I made a 20kyu mistake here.

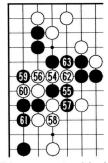


Diagram 4: Variation from move 54

Mhite's group becomes strong and the situation changed a lot.

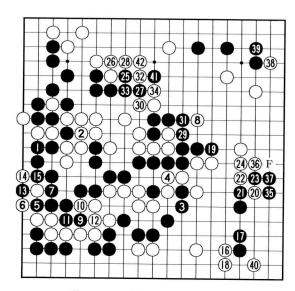


Figure 3: Moves 101–142

- It is really painful for Black to survive like this.
- ® If White either extends at 125 or blocks at 119, the game is favourable for him.
- A huge move, reducing the side and attacking the central group at the same time.
- (§) A bad exchange for White. In some cases a move at 137 would be a tesuji instead.
- (38) The wrong direction, as shown in the variations in diagrams 5 and 6.
- M This is the losing move.

White must block at F, preventing the invasion, so the position would be rather close.

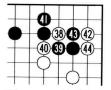


Diagram 5: Variation 1 from move 138

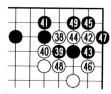


Diagram 6: Variation 2 from move 138

- (III) in Diagram 5 This is the famous tesuji.
- in Diagram 6 White's construction here would be very powerful.
- (It is not easy for White to find the answer.

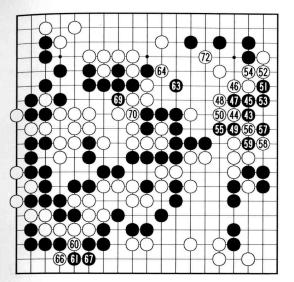


Figure 4: Moves 143-173

Additional moves: (2), (8) and (3) at (5); (5) and (1) at (5).

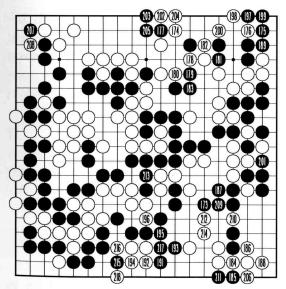


Figure 5: Moves 173-219

White's territory on the right side is completely destroyed and now Black has a comfortable lead.

White resigns.

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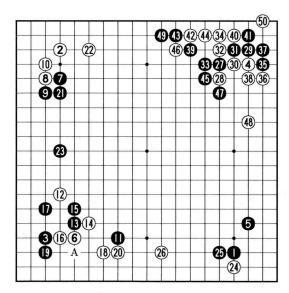
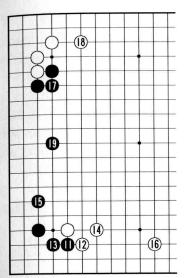


Figure 1: Moves 1-50

- The attachment at A is the most common strategy.
- A good strategy. If Black proceeded as shown in Diagram 1, his position on the top would be overconcentrated.
- (B) A new move, recently invented by Lee Sedol, 9-dan. The standard way is shown in Diagram 2, but I also considered the variation shown in Diagram 3.
- The only move. If Black played the variation in Diagram 4, White's corner would be huge.

- Both sides can be satisfied.
- ② A probe.
- The low kakari at 32 would be better here.
- ② It is not easy for Black to find the answer, because the ladder is unfavourable, as shown in Diagram 6. If he plays the variation shown in Diagram 5, the joseki will be bad for him, and △ will be powerful.



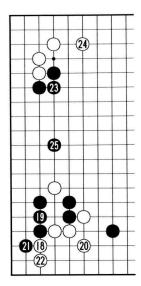


Diagram 1: Variation from move 11.

Diagram 2: Variation 1 from move 18.

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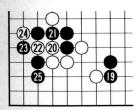


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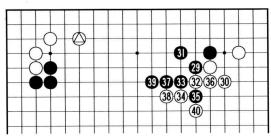


Diagram 5: Variation from move 29.

- White can play this way only if the ladder works as demonstrated in Diagram 6.
- 3 The only move.

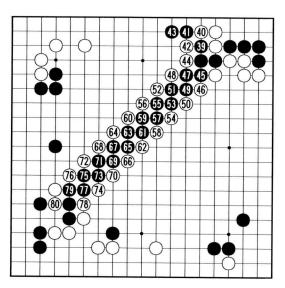


Diagram 6: Variation from move 39.

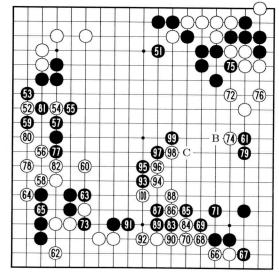


Figure 2: Moves 51-100

- **1** The result of this joseki is considered to be slightly favourable for White.
- ② Too early. It is better to extend solidly at 79, reducing the power of the shimari, as shown in Diagram 7.
- **1** The vital point.
- **1** A huge move, preparing for the tesuji at 76.
- ② This plan is greedy. It is better to connect solidly, defending this group, as shown in Diagram 8.
- Now the group around move 60 is rather weak. Black is planning to create central territory by attacking it.
- Black is playing solidly again. White is slightly ahead on territory, but Black's position is extremely thick.
- ② A slow move, but I was trying to prevent the invasion at 76.
- **18** Ikken tobi at B is the largest place on the board.

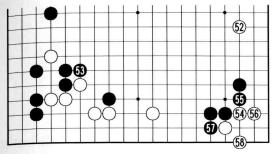


Diagram 7: Variation from move 52.

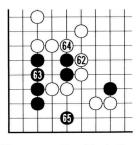


Diagram 8: Variation from move 62.

- **10** A "thank you move", making White stronger.
- ® It seems that Black missed this answer.
- Black has no other way. If he played as in Diagram 9, the trade would be clearly favourable for White.
- M An overplay. It is better to defend solidly at 89 or 90.
- The most active answer. I had planned the sequence in Diagram 10.
- M Too heavy. The correct Diagram to survive is shown in Diagram 11, preventing Black from making the central moyo.

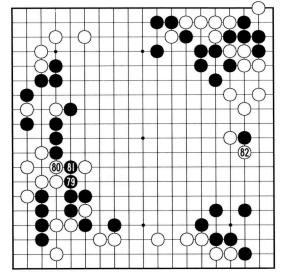
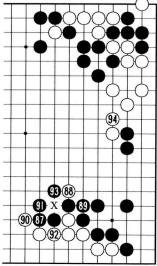


Diagram 9: Variation from move 79.



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Variation

Diagram 11:

from move 94.

(96) It is still better to jump at C.

Now White is in trouble.

Diagram 10: Variation from move 87. (A stone has been captured at X.)

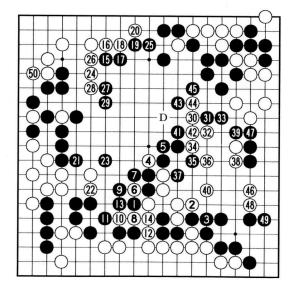


Figure 3: Moves 101-150

- White group is saved, but White cannot be satisfied.
- Black's move makes more than 30 points almost free of charge and now he is leading by a lot.
- It is not necessary for Black to play so aggressively. He can win the game by about 5 points by blocking at D.
- It is still better to defend the centre.
- (M) 143 and 146 are miai. The result of the attack is really terrible for Black.
- M A huge reverse-sente move. Now White has a clear 5-point lead. I was lucky!

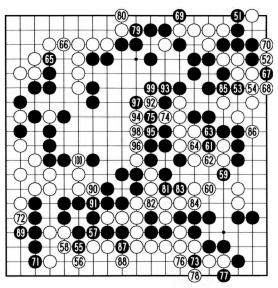


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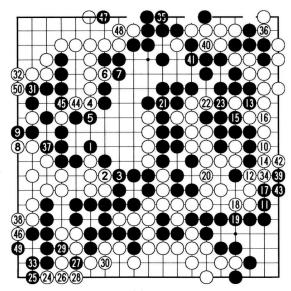


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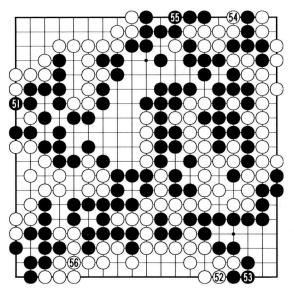


Figure 6: Moves 251-256

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DURHAM: Monday 20:30, The Bar, Ustinov College, Howlands Farm, Durham, DH1 3TQ; Thursday 19:30, beginners' teaching, contact club for details.

EDINBURGH: Phil Blamire, 0131 663 0678. Wednesdays 19:30, Alan Crowe's flat (1F1), 34 Haymarket Terrace (possibly); Thursday 19:00, Harlequin Cafe, Buccleuch Place, EH8 9LP.

EPSOM: Paul Margetts, 01372 723 268. Wednesday 19:00–22:30, 7 Ripley Way, Epsom, Surrey, KT19 7DB. Check with Paul first.

FARNBOROUGH VILLAGE: Brian Dackombe, 01689 857944. Meetings by arrangement. Near Bromley.

FIFE: (Also called West Fife) Alternate Mondays, as far as possible.

GLASGOW: John O'Donnell, 0141 339 0458 (home), 0141 330 5458 (work). Wednesday 20:00 except during holidays, The Research Club, Hetherington House, 13 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ.

HASTINGS: (Also called Eastbourne) Patrick Donovan, 01323 640552. Meetings by arrangement.

HEWLETT-PACKARD BRISTOL: Andy Seaborne, 0117 950 7390 (home), 0117 312 8181 (work). Wednesday and Friday 12:00, Hewlett Packard. Please contact in advance to ensure there are players available.

HULL: Mark Collinson, 01482 341179. Irregular Wednesdays, 12 Fitzroy St, Beverley Rd, Hull, HU5 1LL. Phone for details.

ISLE OF MAN: David Phillips, 01624 612294. Wednesday 19:30; Sunday 19:30.

LANCASTER: (Also called Gregson) Adrian Abrahams, 01524 34656. Wednesday 19:30, Gregson Community Centre, 33 Moorgate, Lancaster, LA1 3PY.

LEAMINGTON: Matthew Macfadyen, 01926 624445. Thursday 19:30, 22 Keytes Lane, Barford, Warwickshire CV35 8EP.

LEICESTER: Toby Manning, 01530 245298. Thursdays 19:45, Mayfield, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester.

LIVERPOOL: George Leach, 07739 897172; Jason Leather, 07900 308996. Sunday 19:00–23:00, The Ship and Mitre, 133 Dale Street, Liverpool, L2 2JH.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS: Azan Aziz Marwah, 07931 332 025. Wednesday (during term) lunchtime or early afternoon, contact for confirmation.

LONDON, CENTRAL: Jonathan Turner, 07968 538881 (mobile). Saturday 14:00–22:00, International Student House, 229 Great Portland Street, Regent's Park, London, W1W 5PN.

LONDON, EAST: (Also called Wanstead) Alistair Wall, 020 8556 4232. Thursday 19:15, Wanstead House, 21 The Green, Wanstead, E11 2NT.

LONDON, IMPERIAL COLLEGE: (Also called Imperial College) Contact club for details.

LONDON, NEW MALDEN: (Also called New Malden Baduk Hall) J. K. Shim, 07881 908 730 (mobile); Mr. Kim, 07795 184 272 (mobile). Every day from 11:00am to 11:00pm, At the rear of Park Jun's Beauty Shop, 9 Coombe Road, New Malden, KT3 4PX. Right by New Malden train station. Enter through the shop (follow the green signs) or through the gate from the service road at the rear. Contact for confirmation.

LONDON, NORTH: Kevin Campbell, 01442 262251 (home), 07801 270 342 (mobile). Tuesday 19:30, Gregory Room, Parish Church, Church Row, Hampstead, NW3 6UU.

LONDON, NORTH WEST: David Artus, 0208 841 4595. Thursday 19:00–22:00, Greenford Community Centre, 170 Oldfield Lane South, Greenford, UB6 9JS. South of A40.

LONDON, SOUTH WOODFORD: (Also called Woodford) No longer meets.

LONDON, TWICKENHAM: (Also called Twickenham) Colin Maclennan, 020 8941 1607. Wednesday 20:00, Pope's Grotto hotel, Cross Deep, Twickenham, Middlesex, TW1 4RB.

MAIDENHEAD: Iain Attwell, 01628 676792. Friday 20:00, Meets various places.

MANCHESTER: Chris Kirkham, 0161 903 9023. Thursday 19:45, The Town Hall Tavern, 20, Tib Lane, Manchester, M2 4JA.

MID-CORNWALL: Paul Massey, 01209 891093, 07966 474 686. Monday 20:00, 5 Trekye Cove, Sandy Road, Porthtowan, Truro, TR4 8UL.

MIDDLESBROUGH: (Also called Teesside) Gary Quinn, 01642 384303. Friday 12:00, University of Teesside.

MILTON KEYNES: (Also called Open University) Fred Holroyd, 01908 315342. Monday 12:30, The Berrill Cafe, The Open University, Walton Hall, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA; Monday 18:30, The Wetherspoons pub, 201 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 1EA.

MONMOUTH: Gerry Mills, 01600 712934. Meetings by arrangement. **NEWCASTLE:** John Hall, 0191 285 6786. Wednesday.

NORWICH AND NORFOLK: Tony Lyall, 01603 613698. unknown.

NOTTINGHAM: Jo Kling, Wednesdays 19:30, Crown Inn, Church Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1FY. Please check with the club secretary before attending.

OXFORD CITY: Harry Fearnley 01865 248775(h), 01865 273928(w). Tuesday and Thursday 19:00-22:30, Freud's Café, 119 Walton Street, Oxford, OX2 6AH.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: Wednesday 19:30–23:00 in termtime only, The Arts Room, Trinity College, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BH. If the door to Trinity is shut, press the buzzer and tell the porters you are going to go society. All are welcome.

PENZANCE: (Also called West Cornwall) John Culmer, 01326 573167. Thursday 20:00, Flat 3, 1 Causewayhead, Penzance, TR18 2SN.

PURBROOK (NEAR PORTSMOUTH): Peter Wendes, 02392 267648. Most Thusday evenings, Normally Peter's house, but if he is away Mike and Suzi's. Phone to confirm.

READING: Jim Clare,0118 9507319. Monday 18:30, Brewery Tap, 27 Castle Street, Reading, RG1 7SB.

SHEFFIELD: Phil Barker, 0114 2551440. Sunday 19:30, Devonshire Arms, 118 Ecclesall Road, Sheffield, S11 8JB.

SOUTHAMPTON: Meets irregularly. Email if you would like to meet for a game.

ST ALBANS: Mike Cockburn, 01727 834035; Alan Thornton, 01442 261945; Richard Mullens, 01707 323629, 07816 372001. Wednesday 20:00 (players normally present from 19:30), The White Lion, 91 Sopwell Lane, St Albans, AL1 1RN. Non-regular visitors should ring to confirm a meeting.

ST ANDREWS: Edwin Brady,. Wednesday 20:00, Aikman's Cellar Bar, 32 Bell Street, St Andrews KY16 9UX; Any lunchtime by arrangement.

SWANSEA: Sam Woodward, 01792 470071. Sunday 15:30, JC's Pub, Fulton House, Swansea University Campus, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP.

SWINDON: David King, 01793 521625. Wednesday 19:30, Prince of Wales, Coped Hall Roundabout, Wootton Bassett, SN4 8EP.

TAUNTON: Seems to have ceased to exist.

WALSALL GO CLUB: Paul Trebbett, 01922 429349. Meetings by arrangement, Can cover Birmingham to Wolverhampton and points above & below..

WARWICK UNIVERSITY: Tuesday during University term 17:00–20:00, Room B2.09; Saturday during University term from 12:00, The Graduate. Email first, this meeting does not always happen.

WEST SURREY: (Also called Guildford) Pauline Bailey, 01483 561027. Monday 19:30-22:00 except bank holidays.

WINCHESTER: (Also called Hursley) Alan Cameron, 01794 524430 (home), 07768 422082 (work). Wednesday 19:00, The Black Boy Public House, 1 Wharf Hill, Bar End, Winchester, SO23 9NQ. Just off the M3.

WOODLEY: Tony Atkins, 0118 9268143. Some Saturdays and Sundays 18:00.

WORCESTER AND MALVERN: Edward Blockley, 01905 420908. Wednesday 19:30.

YEOVIL: Julian Davies, 01935 423046. Thursday 19:45, Mason's Arms, 41 Lower Odcombe, Odcombe, Yeovil BA22 8TX.

YORK: Wednesday 19:30, El Piano cafe, Grape Lane, York. .

YORK UNIVERSITY: Tuesday 20:15, Room G/045, Goodricke College, University of York, Heslington, York, YO10 5DD.

GLOSSARY OF GO TERMS

This glossary is in no way complete. More extensive descriptions of these terms, and many other terms, may be found at Sensei's Library (http://senseis.xmp.net/).

AII: latent possibilities left in a | KEIMA: a knight's-move jump position

AJI KESHI: a move which destroys one's own aji (and is therefore bad)

ATARI: having only one liberty left: stones are said to be "in atari" when they can be captured by the enemy's next move

BYO YOMI: formally, "seconds-counting" during overtime periods; used informally (and both inaccurately and confusingly) to mean over-time periods in general

DAME: a neutral point; a point of no value to either player

GOTE: losing the initiative

a move that "bends HANE: round" an enemy stone leaving a cutting point behind

HOSHI: one of the nine marked points on the Go board

IKKEN TOBI: a one-point jump

JIGO: a drawn game

JOSEKI: a standardised sequence of moves, usually in a corner

KIKASHI: a move which creates aji while forcing a submissive reply

KOMI: a points allowance given to compensate White for playing second

KOSUMI: a diagonal play

MIAI: two points related such that if one player takes on of them, the opponent will take the other

MOYO: a framework which could potentially become territory

NAKADE: a move played inside an enemy group at the vital point of the principal eye-space to prevent it from making two eyes

NOBI: a solid extension; a move directly next to another stone of the same color to create a line of at least two stones.

PONNUKI: the diamond shape left behind after a single stone has been captured

REVERSE-SENTE: a play which forestalls a sente move of your opponents'

SABAKI: a sequence that produces a light, resilient shape

SAN REN SEI: an opening which consists of playing on the three hoshi points on one side of the board

SANSAN: the "3,3" poinr in the corner of the board

SEKI: a local stalemate between two or more groups dependent on the same liberties for survival

SEMEAI: a race to capture between two adjacent groups that cannot both live

SENTE: gaining the initiative; a move that requires a reply

SHIMARI: a corner enclosure of two stones

SHODAN: one dan level

TENGEN: the centre point of the board

TENUKI: to abandon the local position and play elsewhere

TESUJI: a skillfull and efficient

mnove in a local fight

YOSE: the end game

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