

# Bray Harbour Bridge Club Bidding Quiz 1 Answers

1. **Bid 1 Spade.** This shows 8 – 15 high card points; at least 5 spades; and it meets the suit quality test of 7 at the one level
2. **Double.** This shows 12+ points with at least 3 cards in each of the other suits or a hand with 16+ points that was too strong to just overcall the first time around. The doubler can then bid their suit on the next round
3. **Double** if you have agreed with partner that your double of a major suit does not promise 4 cards in the other major. If you have agreed with partner that double of a major does promise 4 of the other major then you must **pass**
4. **Bid 2 Diamonds.** This shows 10 – 15 high card points and at least a 5 card suit that meets the suit quality test of 8 at the 2 level
5. **Bid 1 NT.** This shows 15 – 17 points and a stopper in hearts
6. **Pass.** You are not strong enough to double for penalties and you have no 5 card suit to bid
7. **Double.** This is for penalties and shows 16+ points
8. **Double.** You are too strong to overcall 1 spade which would only show 8 – 15 points. Double first and then bid your spades if partner is weak and takes the double out
9. **Bid 2 Clubs.** Unless you have an agreed convention with your partner that 2C is not natural you should bid 2C. However a lot of partnerships use 2C in this instance to mean either both majors or a 6 card suit that is not clubs. In this case you simply have to **pass**.
10. **Double.** This is for penalties and shows 16+ points. If partner is extremely weak and takes out the penalty double then bid 3C on the next round
11. **Bid 2 Diamonds.** You must bid something once partner doubles unless you are very strong. Here you are too weak to even bid 1NT which would mean that you had at least 6 points so 2 Diamonds is your only bid
12. **Bid either 1 Spade or 2 Spades depending on your system.** If partner is not promising 4 spades with his double then just bid 1 Spade. If he is promising 4 spades then you need to jump a level to 2 Spades to show 9 – 11 points, including shortages, and support for spades
13. **Bid 1 NT.** This shows 6 – 9 points and a stopper in hearts
14. **Bid 2 H.** By bidding the opponents suit you are saying partner I'm excited! I think we may have game on but I don't know the best contract so tell me more about your hand
15. **Bid either 4 Spades or 2 Hearts depending on your system.** Again if partner promises 4 spades with his double then go straight to game in 4 Spades. However if his double doesn't promise 4 spades then bid the opponents suit to find out more about your partner's hand
16. **Bid 1 NT.** This says partner I don't have 3 spades; I have a stop in Diamonds; and I have between 9 - 12 points. Remember partner may only have 8 points for his overcall so you need a minimum of 9 points to bid 1NT after partner overcalls.
17. **Bid 2 Hearts.** This is forcing for 1 round and allows partner to either support your suit if he has 3 Hearts or rebid his suit if he has 6 of them or to rebid 2NT to show neither and that he has 8 – 13 points or 3 NT to show that he has neither but has 14 – 15 points
18. **Bid 2 Spades.** You are not strong enough to make any other bid!
19. **Bid 4 Spades.** This shows 16+ points and at least 3 card spade support. You have 13 high card points and you can add 3 points for the singleton diamond
20. **Bid 2NT.** This shows 13 – 16 points and a stopper in Diamonds. Again remember partner may only have 8 points.