



Stretch Raises

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	1♠	?

Do you have four cards in partner's suit? If so raise one level higher than you would have if there had been no interference.

♠ 10 8

♥ A 7 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 3

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	1♠	3♥

With 6 HCPs and 9 losers, with no interference a raise to 2♥ would be appropriate. After an overcall raise an extra level, in this case to 3♥ to

make life difficult for opponents. Partner must remember to discount the bid.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	X	3♥

This also applies when opponents double instead of overcalling.



A new spin to the 1NT reply

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
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	1♥	1♠	?
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♥ 7 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ 7 6 3

Holding 6-9HCPs and not four cards in partner's suit?

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	1♠	1NT

Responding 1NT has a new nuance. It suggests a stop in the overcalled suit.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	1♠	2NT

♠ A 10 3

♥ K 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ K 6 3

Responding 2NT has the same nuance. It suggests a stop in the overcalled suit and a 10-12HCP balanced hand.



Negative Double

6-9/10 HCPs, no fit, holding unbid suits.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	1♠	?

Holding 6-9 HCPs and the other two suits, double.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>	
	1♥	1♠	X	♠ A 10
				♥ 7 6 5
				♦ Q 10 9 8
				♣ Q 7 6 3

Doubling the overcall shows four cards in the two unbid suits, and typically 6-9HCPs.



Stolen Bid

It's quite old fashioned now to double to show a "stolen" bid. If opponents have overcall hearts, and the responding hand has hearts, the responding hand should consider bidding No Trumps to show a stop in the overcalled suit.

If you decided that your partnership doubles to show a stolen bid, it should be alerted.

Redouble to Show Balance of HCPs (BoP)

After a double, no fit, opener's side have 20+

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	X	?

Redoubling the double shows 8+HCPs.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♥	X	XX

♠ A 10
♥ 7 6 5
♦ K 10 9 8
♣ K 7 6 3



A new suit must have at least five cards

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♦	1♥	?

Change suit at a level appropriate for the hand's strength.

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♦	1♥	1♠

♠ A 10 5 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ 7 6

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
	1♦	1♥	2♣

♠ A 10

♥ 7 6

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ A 10 5 4 3



Bidding the Opponents Suit

N E S W

1♥ 1♠ ?

Do you have four cards in partner's suit? Do you have at least 13 HCPs or shape for game? Show suit agreement and strength by bidding the overcalled suit (Alertable)

N E S W

1♥ 1♠ 2♠

♠ A J

♥ A 7 6 5

♦ Q 10 9 8

♣ Q J 10

Often known as an "Unassuming cue bid", this helps to reach your side's game or slam despite the interference. It is alertable and forcing for one round.



Directional Asking Bids

After more exploration, these bids are used when the opponents have overcalled during the auction, often to find a No Trumps contract.

For example,

<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
1♠	2♣	2♦	P
2♥	P	3♣	P
3NT			

South

♠	A J
♥	K 7 6
♦	Q 10 9 8 5
♣	Q J 9

South's bid of 3♣ is a directional asking bid, a type of cue bid, recognisable because it is the opponents' suit.

South seeks help from North in finding the best contract. It implies little support for either of North's suits, or a need for help in controlling clubs in a possible No Trumps contract.

North's response of 3NT implies some control of the club suit, and therefore that 3NT is probably the best contract.