



When more information is needed....

A directional asking bid is a type of cue bid. Cue bids are often artificial bids of suits that the opponents have already bid. They either show particular holdings, or else ask for particular information.

<u>North</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♠ A K Q 6 5	1♠	2♣	2♦	P
♥ K J 6 5				
♦ 6 3	2♥	P	3♣!	P
♣ A 3				
	3NT	P	P	P

North opens 1♠. The opponents come in with a club overcall, but partner carries on and responds 2♦. North shows his second suit and now South bids the opponents' suit.

This is a directional asking bid, not natural, and needs to be alerted.

South may be looking to play in 3NT but does not have sufficient controls in the club suit to bid it outright.

In this case North has solid help in clubs and so bids the 3NT. If North could not help to stop the club suit he would make a bid that best describes what he does have.