

# Bidding After Partner's Takeout Double



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# Time for Some Jokes

Two hikers were walking through the woods when they suddenly confronted a giant bear. Immediately, one of the men took off his boots, pulled out a pair of track shoes, and began putting them on.

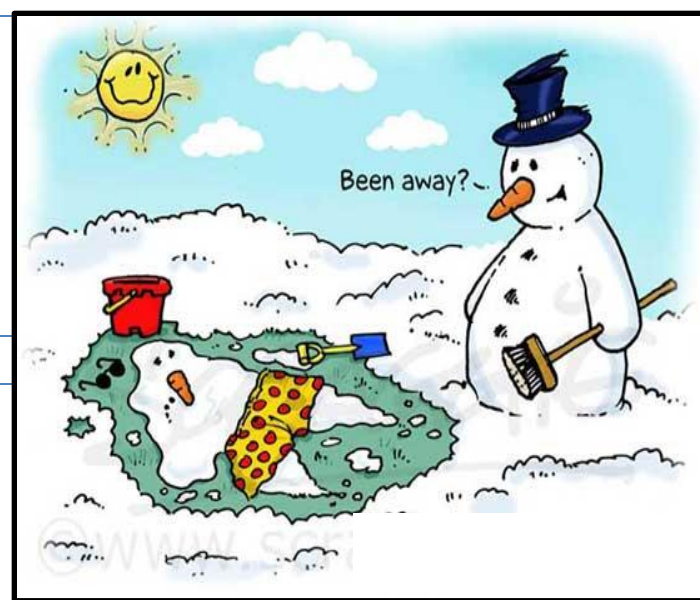
“What are you doing?” cried his companion. “We can’t outrun that bear, even with jogging shoes.”

“Who cares about the bear?” the first hiker replied. “All I have to worry about is outrunning you.”

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NBC’s Moscow correspondent Irving R. Levine heard a Russian greet a friend with: “Have you heard? Pravda is running a contest for the best political joke. The first prize is 20 years.”

# Partner's Takeout Double



Example:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

You are North, and your partner has made a Takeout Double. He will have one of three types of hands:

- 1) **Shortness in the opponent's suit (clubs), at least 3-card support in the other unbid suits and 11+ HCPs.** You should first assume he has this type of hand.

♠QJ6 ♥AQ53 ♦K873 ♣42

- 2) **A 6+-long suit and 17 -18 HCPs** (partner will bid his suit next).

♠AQ9876 ♥AQ3 ♦AJ3 ♣2

- 3) **A flat 19-20 HCP hand** with their suit stopped (partner will bid 1NT next).

♠KJ6 ♥AQ53 ♦KJ93 ♣AQ9

# Takeout Responses



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

North

This may be a 6-card fit, but you need to run for cover.

You have long enough and good enough ♣'s to defend, and no clear game in sight.

Let partner pick a major. If he jumps to the 3-level, bid a game, otherwise, you invite him to game.

Over partner's 2 of a major, bid 3D, trying to get to 3NT if partner has a club honor.

- 1) ♠Q76 ♥9753 ♦93 ♣J842 1H
- 2) ♠753 ♥65 ♦973 ♣87642 1S
- 3) ♠762 ♥65 ♦9873 ♣7642 1D
- 4) ♠76 ♥65 ♦A93 ♣KJ10764 Pass
- 5) ♠J87 ♥KQ753 ♦K3 ♣Q82 2H
- 6) ♠Q953 ♥A5 ♦A73 ♣8642 2S
- 7) ♠K62 ♥A5 ♦KJ973 ♣632 2D
- 8) ♠KQ76 ♥KQJ5 ♦93 ♣642 2C\*
- 9) ♠K7 ♥K8 ♦AKO95 ♣I109 2C\*

# Takeout Responses



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

North

10) ♠J76 ♥K53 ♦Q63 ♣Q842 1NT

11) ♠K92 ♥Q85 ♦QJ9 ♣QJ83 2NT

12) ♠KJ9 ♥Q53 ♦QJ3 ♣KQ84 3NT

Your sixth ♥ and singleton ♠ make your hand worth an invitation to game.

13) ♠5 ♥KJ8753 ♦J3 ♣K984 2H\*

14) ♠754 ♥AKJ53 ♦Q3 ♣A52 4H

# Another Joke



Your partner should have about 17-18 ♠'s HCPs. With 19+ HCPs, he would bid 2D over your 1S, and then raise your ♠'s. Careful, he may have only 3 ♠'s.

# Quiz Time



1)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	Dbl	Pass	1S
	Pass	3S	Pass	???
Pass				
West	♠K765 ♥65 ♦K543 ♣832			

2)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1S	Pass	???
4S				
West	♠KJ52 ♥K7543 ♦6 ♣985			

Partner will have 6+ ♠'s and 17-18 HCPs. Your 9 HCPs should produce game.

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1NT	Pass	???
2H				
West	♠63 ♥1098653 ♦83 ♣732			

Showing 19-20 HCPs. Not enough for game.

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	Dbl	Pass	1S
	pass	2H	Pass	???
Pass				
West	♠Q982 ♥J ♦Q92 ♣Q9876			

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5)

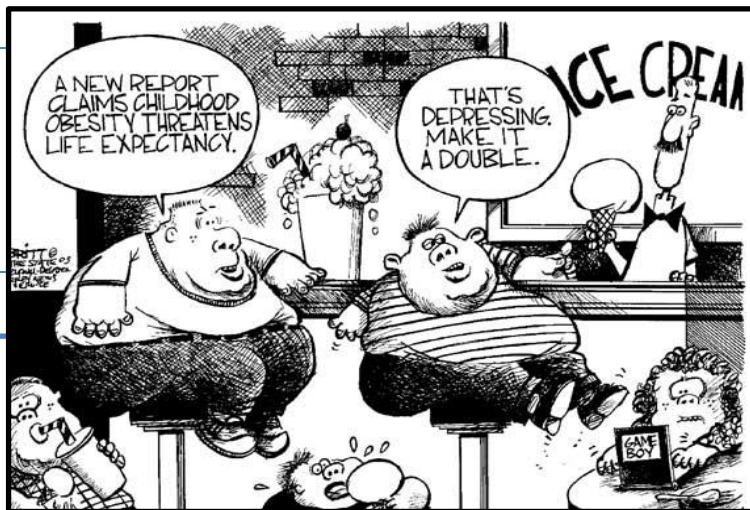
	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1NT	Pass	???
3NT				
West	♠Q5 ♥K642 ♦Q42 ♣J1052			

17-18 HCPs.

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Dbl	Pass	1S
	Pass	2D	Pass	???
3NT				
West	♠J752 ♥KJ6 ♦Q73 ♣J62			

# More Quiz



7) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Dbl	Pass	???

2S

West ♠KQJ5 ♥KJ ♦6543 ♣J32

8) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Dbl	Pass	???

1S

West ♠J52 ♥43 ♦65432 ♣843

9) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Dbl	Pass	???

1H

West ♠K3 ♥J109865 ♦2 ♣8732

10) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	2D	Dbl	Pass	???

3S\*

West ♠AQ982 ♥J2 ♦Q2 ♣Q876

11) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	Dbl	Pass	???

2NT

West ♠QJ5 ♥KJ2 ♦KJ2 ♣J1082

12) 

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1C	Dbl	Pass	???

2C\*

West ♠QJ82 ♥KQ63 ♦K72 ♣82





**Time to Play**