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What equipment do I need?

You can play on an **Android tablet**, **Chromebook, Mac / PC** (**desktop** or **laptop**), preferably equipped with a webcam and microphone.

Newer **iPads** (2015 onwards) are also fine but **you must use the Safari web browser**, others don't have access to the camera.

You cannot use a smartphone or an older iPad.

Which web browsers work with RealBridge?

You <u>must</u> use one of these web browsers:

| Safari | Edge | Chrome | Firefox |

Note that Internet Explorer or the old version of Edge will not work.

iPad – use Safari only.

If you play on a Mac, you can use Chrome as an alternative to Safari - its web video support may be better. In Safari there is a menu item "Safari > Settings for the website...". In that window for RealBridge, select "Allow all auto-play" media, and set the camera & microphone permission to "Allow".

Make sure your web browser has all the latest updates:

In Chrome and Edge, you need to click the three little dots in the top right corner.
Alternatively:
For Chrome chrome://settings/help
For Edge edge://settings/help

Make sure your camera and microphone are working.

Log out of any other applications.

Do the test here, allowing time to do this:

https://play.realbridge.online/camera.html

If it doesn't work, contact support@realbridge.online.

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How do I connect to a club event?

There is no registration / signing up in advance, but you must have a pre-arranged partner.

The link for our event will be added to the **Calendar** on the **Home page** of the [club website](#) a few days in advance.

Click on the **RealBridge Login** tag and you will be taken to the login screen.

How do I login to the session?

Please sign in at least 10 minutes before the start time.

If you have reached the right link, you should see the Login screen as shown.

 Please complete:

Name: **e.g. John Smith**, Kim Brown
Please do better than shortcuts like Karen, j smith, ADAMS

ID: your EBU number
For anyone who doesn't know their EBU number, [click here](#) for a list.

Click Login to enter our club session.

Finding a Seat
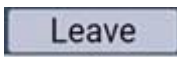
Once you are logged in, you will see the tables and seats displayed on the left side of your screen and on the right, a list of the people still in the "lobby area - that's where you are deemed to be after you have signed in but not yet "sat down".

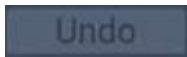**Take a seat at a table** by clicking on one of the free seats. Obviously, partners should sit opposite each other, so check to make sure your partner's not already seated somewhere before choosing your own seat.

The Director will start play at the designated time.

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What do the RealBridge control buttons do?

[camera icon]	This turns your **camera** off or on	[microphone icon]	This turns your **microphone** off or on
[people icon]	This turns off or on **your view of everybody else** (they can still see you)	[redial icon]	This **redials** all of your video and sound - do this every hour.
[chat icon]	This lets you **chat** to your table. If you are on a PC, the chat bar is already displayed, since the window is wider/bigger.	[speaker icon]	This lets you **adjust a player's volume for just you** (nobody else is affected).
Undo	Use this button to ask the opponents to let you **change your bid or play**	Director	**Calls for a Director**
Leave	Sends you **back to the lobby** (the place where you first arrived, you can then rejoin your table or join another one.	[settings icon]	This s**ettings icon** allows you to choose options such as playing cards, how you see dummy, and other display related.

What are the differences between RealBridge and BBO?

RealBridge operates more like face-to-face bridge and there are a few things that are done slightly differently to BBO:

Alerts: **you have to alert your partner's bids** (you have an Alert card available for this). There's no self-alerting.

Stop Bids: **Stop cards appear and then go away automatically**, you don't need to do anything.

Comments and facial expressions: please remember that your partner and opponents can see and hear you, so **be careful not to give unauthorised information by inappropriate comments or facial expressions during the bidding and play**.

Other Points

Table money: you will not need pay in advance. Fees will be collected from Members quarterly in arrears. Members are responsible for paying for their guests.

UnDo's: are permitted in bidding if you have made misclick. They are not allowed during the play of the hand.

Call the Director if there is uncertainty in this area.