



Learning Bridge
is Easy

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When They Overcall
Partner's One No Trump
Opening

Consider These Two Hands:
Partner Opens 1 No Trump, RHO
Bids 2 ♠

Hand A

♠ 9 2

♥ K 9 7 6 5 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ 10 4

Hand B

♠ 10 4

♥ K J 9 8 5

♦ A 9 2

♣ Q J 3

Two Level Bids Are to Play

- Any two-level bid is a drop dead bid.
- Partner is required to pass.
- Any direct 3-level bid is game forcing. We will deal with these bids later.

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 

 9 2

 K 9 7 6 5 4

 J 9 2

 10 4

The Two No Trump Response

- A response of two no trump is ***artificial*** and requires partner to bid 3 ♣.
- Then any bid you make is to play.

Partner 1 nt.
RHO 2 ♠

♠ 9 2

♥ K 9 7 6 5 4

♦ J 9 2

♣ 10 4

The Two No Trump Response

- Two no trump is a relay to 3 ♣.
- In this case you simply pass and partner plays 3 ♣.

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♠

♠ 9 2

♥ Q 3

♦ J 9 2

♣ A 10 9 7 4 3

When You Have A 6-Card Suit and Game Points—Just Bid It.

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♠

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6 5 4

♦ A 10 9

♣ Q J 4

4 ♥

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♥

♠ A Q 8 5 3 2

♥ J 9

♦ A J 9 2

♣ 4

4 ♠

A Direct, 3-Level Bid is Forcing to Game

- A direct bid at the 3 level shows:
 - Game points
 - A 5-card suit.

North	East	South	West
1nt	2 ♠	3 ♥	pass

South shows game points with a 5-card heart suit, .

A Direct 3-level Bid is Game Forcing

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♠

♠ 9

♥ K Q 7 6 5

♦ A 10 9 2

♣ Q J 4

3 ♥

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♥

♠ A Q 8 3 2

♥ J 9

♦ A J 9 2

♣ 4 2

3 ♠

3-level Bid is Game Forcing

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♠

♠ 9 2

♥ K Q

♦ A 10 9 2

♣ Q J 10 8 4

3 ♣

Partner 1 nt.

RHO 2 ♥

♠ 9 8

♥ J 9

♦ K Q J 9 5 2

♣ A 8 4

3 ♦

Opener's Rebid After Responder's 3-Level Bid

- The 1 no trump opener – knowing his side has game points -- examines his hand to determine the fit. He can:
 - Bid game in the suit bid by responder.
 - Bid 3 no trump with a stopper in the opponent's suit.
 - Cue bid to ask responder if she has a stopper in the opponent's suit.

Opening Bidder's Rebid Ex. 1

Opener's Hand

♠ Q 9 2

♥ A 4

♦ A 10 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

Opn LHO Res

1 nt 2 ♥ 3 ♠

4 ♠

Opening Bidder's Rebid Ex. 2

Opener's Hand

♠ K 9

♥ A Q 4

♦ A 10 9 2

♣ Q J 10 3

Opn LHO Res

1 nt 2 ♥ 3 ♠

3 nt

Opening Bidder's Rebid Ex. 3

Opener's Hand

♠ K 9

♥ J 8 4

♦ A K 9 2

♣ K Q 10 3

Opn LHO Res

1 nt 2 ♥ 3 ♠

A cue bid asks partner for a stopper.

Very difficult ... Discuss

Responder's Direct Bid Denies

- Two direct 3 level bids deny a stopper in the opponent's suit, but show game points.
 - A direct cue bid of the opponent's suit is Stayman, but denies a stopper in the opponents suit.
 - A direct bid of 3 no trump shows game values, but denies both a 4 card major and a stopper in the opponent's suit.

Direct Denies Ex. 1

Responder's

Hand

♠ K J 8 3

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 9

♣ Q10 9 7

3 ♥

Opn

1 nt

RHO

2 ♥

Res

3 ♥

Responder's cue
bid is Stayman
and denies a
stopper.

Direct Denies Ex. 2

Responder's
Hand

♠ K J 8

♥ 8 7

♦ A Q 9 8

♣ Q 10 9 7

3 ♥

Opn RHO Res
1 nt 2 ♥ 3 nt

Responder's
3nt denies 4
of a major suit
or a stopper,
but shows
game points.







Using the 2 No Trump Relay to Get to Game

- Remember, a 2 no trump response requires partner to bid 3 clubs.
- After opener's 3 club rebid:
 - A cue bid of the opponent's suit is stayman, but shows a stopper.
 - A 3 no trump bid denies a 4-card major suit, but guarantees a stopper in the opponent's suit and shows game points.

Using the 2 No Trump Relay to Get to Game -- Ex. 1

Responder's Hand	Opn	RHO	Res
♠ K J 8 7	1nt	2♦	2nt
♥ J 8 7	3♣	p	3♦
♦ A Q			
♣ Q10 9 7			

Using the 2 No Trump Relay to Get to Game -- Ex. 2

Responder's	Opn	RHO	Res
Hand	1nt	2 	2 nt
 K J 8	3 	p	3nt
 J 8 7			
 A Q			
 Q10 9 7 4			