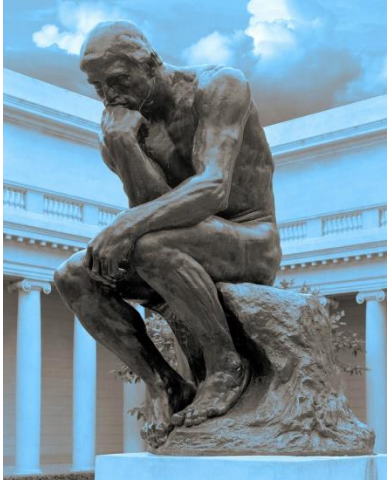


Difficult Moments in Bidding



What Should You
Be Thinking
About?

Bridge is Not an Exact Science

- In bridge, cards are randomly distributed.
 - Players don't always bid and play in ways that make sense to us.
 - The cards we are dealt don't always fit neatly into the bidding system we have learned.
 - That's what makes the game interesting and sometimes frustrating.
- We will consider some difficult moments in bridge bidding and offer some advice on how to handle them. But No Guarantees!

What is the best opening bid?

Hand A

♠ 4 2

♥ K Q 10

♦ A Q J 2

♣ K J 10 3

Hand B

♠ Q 8

♥ A 6 5 2

♦ Q J 3

♣ A Q 7 4

West	North	East	South	South's bid: pass
3 ♦	pass	pass	??	

South

♠ Q 10 8 7 4 2

♥ 10 9 7 5

♦ J

♣ 3 2

North

♠ 6 5 3

♥ K Q 6

♦ Q 5 3

♣ A K 7 4

West

North

1 

East


2 

South

??

South's bid: dble

South

 Q 10 8 7 4 2

 K 9

 10 9 7

 Q 2

North

 A J 5

 A 6 4 2

 K J 5

 J 7 4

West	North	East	South
-----	1 ♦	pass	1 ♠
pass	1 nt	pass	2 ♠
pass	??		

North's bid: pass

South

♠ Q 10 8 7 4 2

♥ K 9

♦ 10 9 7

♣ Q 2





North

♠ 6 5 3

♥ Q J 4


♦ A Q J 5

♣ K 7 4

West	North	East	South
-----	1 	pass	1 
pass	2 	pass	2 
pass	??		

North's bid: pass

South

 Q 10 8 7 4 2

 K 9

 10 9

 Q 5 2

North

 J

 Q J 4

 A Q J 5 2

 K 7 4 3

West	North	East	South
-----	-----	-----	1 ♠
pass	2 ♠	pass	??

South's bid: 4 ♠

South

♠ Q 10 8 7 4

♥ A K

♦ A J 10 9 5

♣ 2

North

♠ A J 9 2

♥ Q J 7 3

♦ 5 2

♣ 9 7 4

West North East South
pass 2 ♠ pass ??

South's bid: pass

South

♠ 4

♥ K J 8 4

♦ A Q 9

♣ K Q 7 6 3

North

♠ K Q J 9 5 2

♥ 10 7 3

♦ 5 3 2

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
-----	1 ♠	1nt*	2 ♦
pass	??		

North's bid: pass

*15-17

North

♠ A J 10 7 4

♥ K 10 4

♦ 9 7

♣ K Q 7

South

♠ 2

♥ J 7 5

♦ K Q 8 5 3 2

♣ 9 6 4

West	North	East	South	
-----	1 ♣	pass	pass	South's bid: 2 ♥
1 ♦	dble	pass	??	

North

♠ A J 10

♥ K Q 8 4

♦ A 7

♣ K Q 7 5

South

♠ 4 2

♥ J 10 7 5 3

♦ 8 5 3 2

♣ A 6

A Rule to Follow: When you have made a bid and partner asks you to go on, ask yourself the following question: **Given what partner knows I have, do I have a maximum or minimum?**

West

3 ♠

North

2 ♥

??

East

double

South

3 ♥

North's bid: pass

North

♠ 4

♥ A K Q J 8 4

♦ 9 7

♣ 9 8 7 5

South

♠ K 8 2

♥ 7 5 3 2

♦ A 8 5 3 2

♣ 4

West	North	East	South
-----	-----	-----	2 ♠
pass	pass	dble	pass
3 ♥	pass	pass	??

South's bid: pass

South

♠ A K Q 10 9 4

♥ 4

♦ 9 7

♣ 9 8 7 5

North

♠ 8 2

♥ K 3 2

♦ A 8 5 3 2

♣ Q 4 3

West	North	East	South	North's bid: dble
-----	1 ♠	2 ♦	pass	
pass	??			

South

♠ 4 3

♥ Q 4

♦ K J 9 7 3

♣ A K 7 5

North

♠ A K 10 8 2

♥ K 3 2

♦ 5

♣ Q 4 3 2

West

North
1 ♦

East
2 ♥

South
??

South's bid: 3 ♥

South

♠ A 10 4

♥ A 7 5 3

♦ K 10 9 6

♣ K J

North

♠ K 6 5 2

♥

♦ A Q 4 3 2

♣ A Q 6 5