

More Test Your Bidding Prowess



The Set Up

- I will give you a hand and the auction up to a point, where you must supply a bid.
- There may be several situations with the same hand.
- How many can you get right?

There are 16 Auctions

- Get 15 correct, you are very good.
- Get 14 correct, you are pretty good.
- Get 13 correct, you are not too bad.
- Less than 13, need more study.

No. 1 You Are South

Your hand

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 7 3 2

♦ A Q 9 7

♣ J 10

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	pass	1 ♥	pass
1 ♠	pass	??	

2 ♣ 4th suit forcing.

Says, "Partner, I know we should be at game but I don't know what game. If you have something in clubs, bid no trump."

No. 2 You Are South

Your hand

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ J 10

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

Pass. Partner has
between 7 and 10
points and 6 spades.

No. 3 You Are South

Your hand

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 7 3 2

♦ A Q 9 7

♣ J 10

North	East	South	West
---	1 ♠	??	

Pass. Some experts would recommend a takeout double, but you don't have the distribution for that bid. 2 ♥ with that suit is dangerous, but could be right.

No. 4 You Are South

Your hand

♠ A 6
♥ K 9 7 3 2
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ J 10

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	pass	1 ♥	pass
2nt	pass	??	

3 ♦, if you play NMF (which you should be). If partner has 3 hearts, you may have a heart slam. Otherwise, 4nt tells partner to bid 6nt with 19 points.

No. 5 You Are South

Your hand

♠ A 6

♥ K 9 7 3 2

♦ A Q 9 7

♣ J 10

North	East	South	West
----	----	-----	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	??	

Pass. If you are tempted to double, think again. You have an opening bid on each side of you. How many points does partner have?

No. 6 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ Q J 10 9 7 3

♥ A K Q J

♦ A Q 7

♣

North	East	South	West
----	----	1 ♠	pass
1 nt	pass	3 ♥	pass
3 nt	pass	??	

4 ♠ No trump does not seem like a good idea on this hand.

No. 7 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ 7 3

♥ K 9 8

♦ 9 7 5

♣ Q J 9 8 3

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

*Remember a 1 nt response to a major suit opening bid is forcing in 2/1

2 ♠ Take a choice of partner's first-bid suit. Partner will know you have a weak hand and only 2 spades. If you had 3 spades with this weak hand, you would have bid 2 ♠ directly.

No. 8 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ 7

♥ K 9 8 5

♦ Q 7 5

♣ Q J 9 8 3

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

*Remember a 1 nt response to a major suit opening bid is forcing in 2/1

Pass. When you have a singleton in partner's first suit, and a fit or partial fit with partner's second suit, play it there. It is the best you can do.

No. 9 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ Q 9 7

♥ A J 9

♦ 7 5

♣ A 9 8 6 3

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

*Remember a 1 nt response to a major suit opening bid is forcing in 2/1

3 ♠ Limit raise (11-12) with 3-card support.
If you had 4-card support and 11-12 points,
you would bid 3 ♠ directly.

No. 10 Same Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ Q 9 7

♥ A J 9

♦ 7 5

♣ A 9 8 6 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	2 ♦	??	

3 ♦ A cue bid of the opponent's suit shows a limit raise or better.

No. 11 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ Q 9 7 3

♥ 7

♦ 8 5 2

♣ Q J 9 6 3

North

1 ♠

East

2 ♦

South

??

West

3 ♠ A jump raise in competition shows a weak hand, with 4-card support.

No. 13 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ K J 7 3

♥ A J 7

♦ 7

♣ K Q 8 6 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	pass	??	

2 nt. The Jacoby 2 nt shows 4-card support, with opening bid values. If you play splinters, you might also have bid 4 ♦ with this hand.

No. 14 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ A K J 7 3

♥ K Q 10

♦ 7

♣ K 8 6 3

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

3 ♦ After a Jacoby 2 nt, you show shortness at the 3 level.

No. 15 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ A K J 7 3

♥ A Q J 10 7

♦ 7

♣ J 8

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

4 ♥ After a Jacoby 2nt, bid a second “good” 5-card suit at the 4 level.

No. 16 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ K J 7

♥ A Q 7 2

♦ 7 3

♣ A J 10 6

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	pass	??	

2 ♣ to create a game forcing auction. You need 4-card support to use Jacoby 2nt.

No. 16 New Hand – Still South

Your hand

♠ A 4

♥ K J 9 7 6 2

♦ A K 3

♣ J 6

North	East	South	West
----	1 ♣	??	

1 ♥ This is a max hand... But it is not quite good enough (suit or high-card strength) to double then bid hearts. Give yourself the queen of hearts and take out the 4 of spades and then you can double and bid hearts.