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## LET'S TRY IT!

- 1. How many tricks are you committing your partnership to take when you make each of the following bids? What will be the trump suit in each case?
  - **a)** 3\*
  - **b**) 5◊
  - **c)** 6♡
  - **d)** 7NT
- 2. You hold a good hand with lots of hearts and you want to suggest them as trumps. What is the lowest possible bid you can make in hearts if the previous bid was:
  - a) 1∧
  - **b)** 1  $\diamond$
- **3.** South, your partner, opens the bidding with 1♡. West, the opponent on your right, now bids 2**\***. You want to show your partner that you like hearts too and are prepared to outbid West. What is the lowest possible heart bid you can make?
- **4.** South, your partner, deals and opens the bidding with 1♡. Your right-hand opponent (West) now bids 2◊. You want to outbid West and suggest clubs as a trump suit. What is the lowest bid with which you could do this? How many tricks does your bid commit your side to take with clubs as trumps?
- 5. South bids  $1 \heartsuit$ , West passes, North bids  $2 \heartsuit$  and everyone else now passes.
  - a) What is the contract?
  - b) What are trumps and how many tricks do North-South have to take?
  - c) Who is declarer?
  - d) Who leads to the first trick?
  - e) Who puts their hand down on the table?
  - f) Who plays second and third to the first trick?
- **6.** In the following example:

West	North	East	South
	10	2*	2♡
3*	all pass		

- a) What is the contract?
- **b)** Who is declarer?
- c) What suit is trumps, and how many tricks does declarer have to take?
- d) Who is the opening leader?



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- 1. For each of the following example hands, add up your high card points.
  - a) ▲ A K Q J ♡ Q 3 2 ◊ 10 9 8 ♣ A 3 2
    b) ▲ 10 5 ♡ A K 9 2 ◊ Q J 7 6 5 ♣ K 2
    c) ▲ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♡ 7 2 ◊ J 10 3 2 ♣ 9
    d) ▲ 9 8 7 6 5 ♡ 9 3 2 ◊ 9 8 2 ♣ 8 3
- 2. Count these example hands, this time adding distribution points. Use whichever method you prefer.
  - a) ▲ A K Q J ♡ Q 3 2 ◊ 10 9 8 ♣ A 3 2
    b) ▲ 10 5 ♡ A K 9 ◊ Q J 7 6 5 ♣ K Q 2
    c) ▲ J 10 9 8 7 6 ♡ 7 2 ◊ J 10 3 ♣ 9 2
    d) ▲ 9 8 7 6 5 ♡ 9 3 2 ◊ 9 8 2 ♣ 8 3
- 3. For each of the following hands, count up your total points, including both HCP and distribution points.
  - a) ▲ A K Q ♡ A K Q 10 9 6 ◊ 7 2 ♣ K 3
    b) ▲ 4 2 ♡ A Q J 7 6 ◊ A J 10 ♣ K Q 9
    c) ▲ K J 9 7 5 3 2 ♡ ◊ K Q J ♣ 7 6 3
    d) ▲ 7 ♡ 10 ◊ K Q 10 9 8 7 5 4 ♣ A 8 7
- 4. Should these hands be opened 1NT? If not, explain why not.
  - a) A J 9 3 ♡ A J ◊ K Q 10 3 2 A 3 2
    b) A 10 9 3 2 ♡ Q J 2 ◊ K 3 A K J 3
    c) A K Q 3 ♡ A J 3 ◊ K 3 A J 10 7 6
    d) A K J 3 ♡ A J 3 2 ◊ Q 10 3 2 A 2
- 5. For each of the following hands, fill in the columns (HCP, distribution and total points) and then indicate your opening bid. | HCP | Distribution | Total | Opening Bid |

a)	▲ J 10 7 6 5 ♡ 3 2 ◊ A K Q J 3 ♣ 5			
b)	🛦 A J 3 2 👳 K Q 10 4 💠 K 3 2 🜲 5 2			
c)	🛦 7 👳 K J 7 6 5 4 👌 A Q 8 7 2 3 🜲 —			
d)	♣ Q J 9 ♡ A 2 ◊ Q 10 5 4 ♣ A 10 3 2			
e)	🛦 A J 10 9 8 👳 4 👌 3 🚓 K Q 7 6 5 4			
f)	🛦 A J 9 4 👳 K J 4 👌 K 3 2 🚓 A Q J			
g)	🛦 A 10 9 8 7 👳 K Q 10 3 2 💠 4 3 🜲 2			





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1. Partner opens 1 A. Do the following holdings count as adequate trump support? (Remember partner has at least five spades.)

a) A Q 5 2
b) A 2
c) A 7 6 3
d) 5 4 3 2

2. Partner opens 1 . Count up your dummy points on the following two hands:

a) ▲ K 9 3 2 ♡ 5 ◊ A 3 ♣ 8 6 5 4 3 2
b) ▲ A 5 4 2 ♡ K 4 3 2 ◊ — ♣ Q 7 5 3 2

3. How many total points do you have on this hand when your partner opens the bidding 1♡?

▲ A 5 4 3 ♡ K 5 4 3 ◊ Q J 3 2 ♣ 3

4. Partner has opened 1... What do you respond with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ A 5 4 3 ♡ 7 6 ◊ 8 3 2 ♣ Q 5 4 3
b) ▲ A J 3 2 ♡ 9 8 7 6 5 ◊ Q 3 2 ♣ 7
c) ▲ Q 10 2 ♡ J 9 2 ◊ J 10 5 ♣ A 7 6 2
d) ▲ Q 10 2 ♡ J 9 2 ◊ 5 ♣ K 8 7 6 3 2

5. Partner has opened 10. What do you respond with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ A 5 4 3 ♡ 7 ◊ 8 3 ♣ Q 10 5 4 3 2
b) ▲ A J 3 2 ♡ Q 8 7 6 ◊ 10 3 2 ♣ 7 5
c) ▲ Q 10 3 2 ♡ J ◊ K J 10 5 ♣ 7 6 5 2
d) ▲ K 9 8 5 ♡ K 10 8 7 ◊ 8 7 3 2 ♣ 4

6. Partner has opened 10. What do you respond with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ A J 3 2 ♡ 8 7 6 ◊ 10 3 ♣ Q 7 5 2
b) ▲ Q 3 2 ♡ 7 ◊ 10 9 8 5 ♣ K Q J 7 6

7. Partner has opened 1 . What do you respond with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ A 5 4 3 ♡ 7 2 ◊ 8 3 ♣ Q 9 5 4 3
b) ▲ K 10 ♡ K 8 7 6 2 ◊ 10 9 4 3 2 ♣ 7





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- Partner opens 1 <>. What do you respond with each of these hands? Remember to refer back to the chart on the previous page (you couldn't have memorized it yet!). On hand (b), remember that shortness in diamonds does not improve things.
  - a) ▲ AJ74 ♡ K9 ◊ Q9832 ♣ 32
    b) ▲ K987 ♡ 109832 ◊ A2 ♣ K2
    c) ▲ 104 ♡ K32 ◊ A 10985 ♣ Q 109
    d) ▲ K854 ♡ A 862 ◊ QJ3 ♣ 54
- 2. Partner opens 10. What do you respond with each of these hands? On hands (a) and (c), remember that shortness in hearts is not a plus.
  - a) ▲ A 10 9 3 2 ♡ 7 6 ◊ K 9 8 7 ♣ K 3
    b) ▲ A 10 9 3 2 ♡ Q 10 5 4 ◊ 3 2 ♣ A 2
    c) ▲ K 3 2 ♡ 10 2 ◊ K 3 ♣ A 10 9 5 3 2
    d) ▲ 3 ♡ A J 2 ◊ Q 10 9 8 7 ♣ K 10 3 2
    e) ▲ A 10 9 3 ♡ Q 5 4 ◊ 3 2 ♣ A J 6 2
- 3. You hold: ▲ K 10 7 6 ♡ A Q 3 ◊ K 9 ♣ J 5 3 2

Partner opens:

a) 1.♣ b) 1.◊ c) 1.♡ d) 1.♠

What do you respond in each case?

- 4. Partner opens 1 . What do you respond with each of the following hands?
  - a) ▲ K 107 ♡ A Q 3 ◊ K J 4 ♣ 6 5 3 2
    b) ▲ K 107 ♡ A Q 3 ◊ K 9 6 ♣ J 5 3 2
- 5. On each of the following hands, partner has opened the bidding with 10. What is your response in each case?
- a) ▲ 6 ♡ A 10 9 8 ◊ K Q 5 4 3 ♣ A J 2
  b) ▲ 6 ♡ A Q 9 8 ◊ K Q J 4 3 ♣ A J 2
  c) ▲ A 3 ♡ 4 2 ◊ A K Q 2 ♣ K 5 4 3 2
  d) ▲ K Q 3 ♡ 5 ◊ A K Q J 6 3 ♣ A J 2
  e) ▲ A Q 5 4 2 ♡ A K 10 ◊ 5 ♣ Q 6 5 4
  f) ▲ A J 2 ♡ 5 4 ◊ K Q 3 2 ♡ K Q J 2



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1. Your hand is: ▲ A K J 7 6 5 4 ♡ K 10 4 ◇ A 3 ♣ 6

You open 1 and partner bids 2 a.

- a) Has your hand bloomed or wilted?
- **b)** What is your rebid?
- 2. You have: ♠ 7 6 ♡ A J 9 5 3 2 ◊ K J 7 ♣ A 3

You open  $1 \heartsuit$  and partner raises hearts.

- a) Has your hand improved?
- **b)** What is your rebid if partner has bid 20?
- c) What should you do if partner has bid 3♡?
- 3. You open  $1 \heartsuit$  and partner bids 1NT. What is your rebid on each of these hands?
  - a) ▲ K 10 3 2 ♡ A K J 6 4 3 ◊ 6 ♣ 10 3
    b) ▲ A 2 ♡ A K Q 10 5 4 ◊ K 3 2 ♣ 4 2
    c) ▲ A 10 ♡ A K Q 10 9 8 ◊ A J 2 ♣ 4 2
- 4. You have: A 2  $\odot$  K 7 6 5  $\diamond$  A J 3 2 A Q 10 3

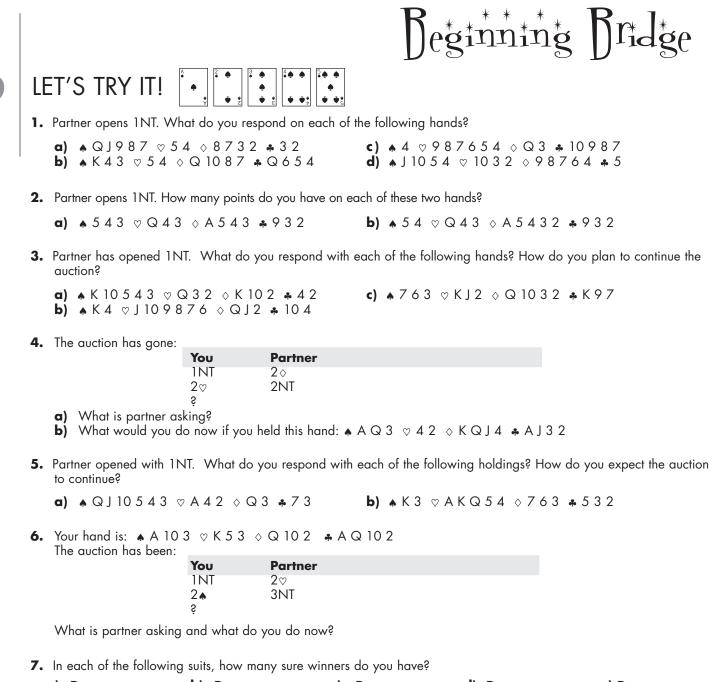
You open 10. What is your rebid in each of the following auctions?

a)	Υου	Partner	b)	Υου	Partner	c)	Υου	Partner
	1 🛇	1♡		1 🛇	1 🔺		1 🛇	2*
	Ś			Ś			Ś	

5. You have: ▲ A K ♡ K Q J 6 3 2 ◊ 7 2 ♣ K 4 3

You open 10 and partner bids 1.

- a) Has your hand improved?
- **b)** What is your rebid
- 6. You have: ▲ A K 10 8 ♡ K Q 7 ◊ A Q 10 3 2 ♣ 2
  - **a)** You open 1¢ and partner bids 1♡. What is your rebid?
  - **b)** What is your rebid if partner's response is 1 A instead?



a) Dummy	b) Dummy	c) Dummy	d) Dummy	e) Dummy
🔺 A Q 5	🔺 A Q 5	🛦 K Q J	♠ 8 7	🛦 K 5 4
Υου	Υου	Υου	Υου	Υου
🛦 K 3 2	▲ 6 4 3	10 9 8 7	🛦 A 5 4	🛦 A Q J 2

8. Count the number of sure winners you have in the following hands.

Dummy	Υου
∧ K 5	🛦 A 4 3
♡ Q 10 3 2	♡ A K 5
◊ A 4	◊ K Q 9 8
🜲 K 10 9 8 3	🜲 Q J 5



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- 1. On each of the following hands, you have opened 1NT and partner bids 2.4 (Stayman). What do you bid now?
  - a) A J 2 v K J 2 4 3 A A J 5 4
    b) A J 10 5 4 A A K 2 K A J 4 K 10
    c) A A Q 3 2 v 10 9 8 2 A 4 K Q 2
- 2. Partner opened 1NT. What should you bid on each of these hands?
  - a) ▲ K Q 3 2 ♡ Q 5 4 2 ◊ 4 3 ♣ 5 4 3
    b) ▲ A J 5 4 ♡ 3 2 ◊ A K 2 ♣ Q 5 4 3
    c) ▲ 7 6 ♡ Q 10 8 7 2 ◊ A Q 5 ♣ K J 2
- 3. Your hand is: ▲ A 2 ♡ K Q 6 2 ◊ 3 2 ♣ 10 9 4 3 2

What would you bid now in each of these auctions?

a) Partner	Υου	b) Partner	Υου
1NT	2*	1NT	2*
2♡	Ś	2 ◊	Ś

- 4. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
  - a) ▲ K J 10 7 4 ♡ 4 3 2 ◊ 5 4 ♣ K J 2
    b) ▲ 9 8 7 ♡ 3 2 ◊ K Q J 5 4 ♣ A J 2
    c) ▲ 7 6 5 4 ♡ A 2 ◊ K Q 5 4 2 ♣ 10 5
- 5. Your hand is: ▲ Q 5 4 2 ♡ K 5 4 3 ◇ K 3 ♣ 5 3 2

The auction has been:

Partner	Υου
1NT	2*
2	Ş

What do you bid now?

- 6. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond on this hand?
  - ▲ A Q 3 ♡ K Q 2 ◊ A 10 4 3 ♣ K 7 6
- 7. Partner has opened 1NT. What do you respond? What do you expect partner to do?
  - ▲ K Q 3 ♡ K 5 ◊ A J 10 4 3 ♣ K 7 6



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1. Your hand is: ▲ A K J 3 2 ♡ 7 6 4 ◊ 5 3 2 ♣ 3 2

Your opponent has opened 1.4 and it is your turn. What do you bid and what is your purpose in doing so?

**2.** The auction has been:

Opponent	Υου	Opponent	Partner
1♡	Ś		

What do you bid on each of the following hands?

a)	▲ 109 ♡76	◊ AKQJ5 ♣Q853	C)	▲ K 10 9 8 3 ♡ A 3 2 ◊ K 4 ♣ K 5 3
b)	♣ 7 6 ♡ 10 3	◊ A Q J 10 5 2 ♣ 9 4 2	d)	▲ A J 9 8 7 ♡ 5 ◊ 9 8 7 ♣ 9 8 7 6

**3.** This is the auction so far:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
1 🗢	1 🛦	pass	Ś

What do you bid with each of the following hands?

a)	♠ 9 8 7 ♡ 7 ◊ A 7 6 5 ♣ K Q 9 8 2	C) ▲KQ54 ♡92 ◇AK532 ♣62
b)	♠ 6 5 ♡ A K 2 ◊ K Q 3 2 ♣ J 10 9 8	<b>d)</b> ▲Q9 ♡K53 ◇AKQ65 ♣765

4. The auction so far is:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
1 🜣	2◊	pass	Ś

Your hand is: • K Q J 10 9  $\heartsuit$  A 2  $\diamondsuit$  5 4 • 10 8 7 6

- a) What is the minimum number of points partner can have?
- b) What bid should you make now?
- c) If you bid 2<sup>A</sup>, can partner pass?
- d) If partner then rebids 3¢, how many diamonds does he promise?
- 5. Your opponent opens 10. Should you overcall 1NT on the following hands?

a) ▲ A Q 7 3 ♡ K 10 3 ◊ Q 5 4 ♣ A J 6
b) ▲ A 9 7 ♡ K 10 3 2 ◊ K Q 5 ♣ A 10 6

c) ▲ Q 9 7 ♡ J 3 2 ◇ A K Q 5 ♣ J 10 6

6. The auction has been:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
1 🛇	1NT	pass	Ś

You have: A K J 10 9 5  $\odot$  9 7  $\diamond$  Q 4 3 2 & 7

What do you bid now and what is your plan for the rest of the bidding?



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1. Your right-hand opponent has opened 1 o and it's your turn. What do you bid with each of the following hands?

a)	🔺 K J	109 0	A 5 4 2	♦ 8 3	🜲 A J 10
b)	🔺 K J	1098	♡ A 5 4	♦ 8 ♣	AJ109

c)	🔺 A 9 8 7	♡ Q 9 8 7	8	🜲 Q 9 8 7
d)	▲ A Q 2 0	⇒ K J 2 ↔ A	QJ	🔹 Q 10 3 2

c) • 3 2 v 10 9 8 7 6 v 10 7 4 • 4 3 2

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- 2. Your right-hand opponent has opened 1♡. Your hand is: A K Q 9 8 ♡ A K 4 ◊ 8 ♣ A J 10 9
  You decided to make a takeout double rather than overcall 1♣. Why?
- **3.** The auction has started:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
1*	dbl	pass	Ś

What do you bid on each of these hands?

a)	<b>▲</b> 76	54	♡ A	Κ2	♦ 5	4 🔹	10876
b)	<b>•</b> 98	76	♡ 3	2 💠	32	<b>*</b> 9	8765

4. The auction has started as follows:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		You
1♡	dbl	pass	Ś

What do you bid with each of the following hands?

a)	▲J87 ♡A1092 ◇QJ3 ♣Q54	d) 🔺 A Q 6 5 ♡ 6 5 ◊ Q 9 8 4 ♣ Q 3 2
b)	▲ 10987 ♡A2 ◊ 10987 ♣ J54	e) ▲432 ♡Q8643 ◊72 ♣832
c)	▲ A Q 6 5 ♡ 6 5 ◊ K Q 9 8 ♣ K 3 2	f) 🔺 5 ♡ QJ10876 ◊AJ2 ♣432

- 5. LHO Partner RHO You
  - pass ?

Your hand is: A 9 8 7  $\, \oslash \,$  K Q 9 3  $\, \diamond \,$  Q 4 3  $\,$  A K 2

What will you rebid in each case if partner bids the following, and RHO passes? **a)** 1NT **b)** 2NT **c)** 1 **A d)** 2 $\heartsuit$ 

6. LHO	Partner	RHO	Υου
		1 🗇	dbl
pass	1 🔺	pass	Ś

Your hand is: • A J  $\, \oslash \,$  A K 10  $\, \diamond \,$  K Q J 5  $\, * \,$  J 10 9 7

What do you bid now and why?



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The auction has been:

What do you bid now and what do you plan to do after that?



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1. You are dealer. What do you bid with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ K 1076 ♡ K Q 8763 ◊ 54 ♣ 4
b) ▲ K 2 ♡ K Q 8763 ◊ 5432 ♣ 4
c) ▲ A 2 ♡ 643 ◊ A Q J 987 ♣ 32

- **2.** Partner opens the bidding with 2v and the next player passes. What do you respond with each of the following hands?
  - a) ▲ K J 5 4 3 ♡ A 5 4 ◊ K Q J 7 ♣ 3
    b) ▲ 3 2 ♡ 10 9 8 7 ◊ K 10 4 3 2 ♣ 5 3
    c) ▲ A 10 7 ♡ J 3 2 ◊ 10 9 8 7 2 ♣ 3 2
- d) A K J 10 4  $\heartsuit$  4  $\diamondsuit$  A Q 10 9  $\clubsuit$  Q 3 2
- e) ▲ A Q 7 6 ♡ J 3 2 ◊ K Q 6 5 ♣ 3 2
- 3. You are the dealer on each of these hands. What do you do?
  - a) ▲ A K J 10 9 8 7 2 ♡ 5 4 ◊ 5 3 2 ♣ —
    b) ▲ Q 10 8 6 5 4 3 ♡ 2 ◊ 9 8 7 ♣ 3 2
    c) ▲ 3 ♡ 4 2 ◊ Q J 10 ♣ K Q J 8 6 4 3
- 4. You are dealer on each of these hands. What do you do?
  - a) ▲ 7 ♡ K Q J 9 8 7 6 ◊ 6 5 ♣ 7 6 3
    b) ▲ A K Q 10 9 8 7 ♡ A 3 2 ◊ 5 4 ♣ 2
    c) ▲ 3 ♡ A Q J 10 6 5 4 3 ♡ 5 4 ♣ 3 2
- Fartner has opened 3♡. What do you do on this hand?
   A 3 ♡ K 10 3 ◊ A K 9 8 6 ♣ 7 6 3
- 6. You have: ▲ 6 ♡ K Q J 10 6 2 ◊ 9 8 7 2 ♣ 4 3 Your right-hand opponent has opened the bidding with 1◊.
  - a) What do you do?
  - b) What would you do if he had opened 1 s instead?
- 7. The bidding has gone:

West	North	East	South
	Partner		Υου
1 🗇	2♡	pass	Ś

What do you bid with each of the following hands?

a) ▲ 4 ♡ 1098 ◊ K Q 5 4 ♣ J 9 8 7 3
b) ▲ 8 7 ♡ Q 9 8 7 ◊ 4 3 ♣ K Q J 3 2

