

Bridge Bidding Quiz

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Do you agree with the meanings of the following awkward bidding situations?

Responder's Point ranges

1. W N E S
1♠ P 2♠ 6-9

2. W N E S
1♣ P 1♦ P
1♠ P 2♠ 6-9

3. W N E S
1♠ P 3♠ 10-12

4. W N E S
1♣ P 1♦ P
1♠ P 3♠ 10-12

5. W N E S
1♣ P 1♦ P
1♠ P 2NT 10-12, heart stopper

Note: 1NT rebid does not promise unbid suit stoppers but 2NT and 3NT do.
1NT only promises a stopper if opponents have bid.

6. W N E S
1♣ P 1♦ P
1♥ P 1♠ P Natural, not FSF but 100% forcing one round

7. W N E S
1♣ P 1♦ P
1♥ P 2♠ P An odd auction. FSF denying a spade stopper

Reverses

8. W N E S
 1♣ P 1♠ P
 1♥

Reverse, an ace above a good opener, 17+
 Longer clubs than hearts. Usually not the same length.

9. ♠--- ♥A432 ♦KQ43 ♣KQ543

Open 1♦ and rebid 2♣.
 Opening 1♣ and rebidding 2♦ or 2♥ shows 17+.
 Opening 1♦ and rebidding 2♥ also shows 17+.

Minimum Responses to a Reverse:

10. W N E S
 1♣ P 1♠ P
 1♥ 2♣ to play

11. 1♣ P 1♠ P
 1♥ p 2♠ to play

12. 1♣ P 1♠ P
 1♥ p 2NT to play

Support and Delayed Support

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|-------|---|----|---|-------------------|
| 13. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♠ | P | 2♥ | P | 5 card heart suit |
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| 14. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♠ | P | 2♥ | P | 5 card heart suit |
| 3♥ | P | | | At West's first chance, heart support shows 3 cs |
| | | | | If West does not bid 3♥ here, he does not have 3 cs. |
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| 15. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♠ | P | 2♦ | P | 4+ card minor, usually not Axxx, Axxxx or xxxx or xxxxx |
| | | | | Partner need not be discouraged if he is void in a suit where partner has no wasted kings, queens or jacks. |
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| 16. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♠ | P | 2♥ | P | 5 card heart suit |
| 2♠ | P | 2NT | P | 2NT promises club and diamond stoppers |
| 3♥ | | | | At West's second chance, heart support shows 2 cs |

Forcing Notrump

After forcing notrump, diamonds and hearts promise a four card suit. Club promises 2 over spades and 1 over hearts. This allows opener to pass for clubs and rebid any unbid suit to play.

17. ♠AJ863 ♥K109 ♦KQ10 ♣43
 1♠ 1NT
 2♣

18. ♠J863 ♥AK1092 ♦KQ10 ♣4
 1♥ 1NT
 2♣ 2♦ or 2♥ promises 4.

When is a new suit at the two level not 10+ points:

After Opponent's double

19. W N E S
 1♠ Dbl 2♣ 2♣ is less than 10 points and no fit

20. W N E S
 1♠ Dbl Rdbl Rdl is 10+ points and no fit

After Opponent's Notrump Overcall

21. W N E S
 1♠ 1NT 2♣ 2♣ is less than 10 points and no fit

After a player has made a negative double or responded with 1NT

22. W N E S
 1♥ 2♣ Dbl P
 2♦ P 2♠ is to play because 2♠ directly would be natural and forcing

23. W N E S
 1♠ P 1NT P
 2♣ P 2♦ or 2♥ is to play even if 1NT is forcing

5-5 Bids

- Direct cuebid is Top or Other
- Jump to Notrump or Cheapest notrump by a passed hand is two-lower unbid
- When the opponents have each bid a suit, 1NT or 2NT is sandwich notrump and a cuebid of the major is natural.
- Without sandwich notrump, a cuebid of the minor is top and other, however, with sandwich notrump being used, a cuebid of the minor can also be natural.

24.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	2♣			5-5 top and other
25.	W	N	E	S	
	2♣	3♣			a. Clubs b. 5-5 hand: Spades and another??
26.	W	N	E	S	
	2♣	2N			the minors, 5-5
27.	W	N	E	S	
	2♣	Dbl			a. Clubs, long suitable for a sac b. Club lead
28.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	3♣			6+ clubs, 11-15 points, everything in the pocket
29.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	P	1♠	P	
	1NT	2♣			a. 5+ clubs b. diamonds and hearts
30.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	2NT			diamonds and hearts
31.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣*	2NT			*=could be short diamonds and hearts
32.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	P	1♠	2♠	South has a good spade suit
33.	W	N	E	S	
	1♣	P	1♠	1NT	Sandwich notrump, 8-11, 5-5

34. W	N	E	S	
1♣	P	1♠	Dbl	12+ 4,4

35. W	N	E	S	
1♣	P	1♠	2♣	natural, club suit (some play this 5-5 but 1NT says that)

Interference Over Strong Bids

Notes:

- When partner has made a strong bid such as 2NT or 2♣ (not 1NT) a direct seat double is negative showing no prospect of game.
- Doubling under (when the bidder is over top of the doubler) is always takeout.
- Doubling over (when doubler is over top of the bidder), except the negative bid, is most always takeout.
- Be cautious because we hardly want to penalize opponents at the 2 or 3 level when we have lots of points. A sacrifice at the 5 level still may be good for them.

36. W	N	E	S	
2♣	2♠	Dbl	P	Double = negative 0-3 points
3♥	P	P	P	Pass = no heart fit

37. W	N	E	S	
2♣	2♠	Dbl	P	Double = negative 0-3 points
3♥	P	4♥	All Pass	heart fit and maybe a doubleton somewhere

38. W	N	E	S	
2♣	2♠	P	P	Pass = Waiting
Dbl	P	3♥	P	Doubling under = takeout

39. W	N	E	S	
2♣	P	2♦	3♣	
Dbl	P	P		Doubling over = penalty

40. W	N	E	S	
2♣	P	2♦	3♣	2♦ = Waiting
P	P	Dbl		Forcing Pass, Dbl under = takeout

When we open 2♣, we will not let them play undoubled and we will not pass it out below game.

41. W	N	E	S	
2NT	3♣	Dbl	P	Dbl=negative-we do not have game partner
P				let's take our positive defeating them

42. W	N	E	S	
2NT	3♣	3♥	P	Systems off, 5 hearts forcing

43. W	N	E	S	
2NT	3♣	P	P	P= No five card suit, but perhaps a four card major
Dbl				Dbl under is takeout, showing a four card major

44. W	N	E	S	
2NT	3♣	4♥	P	Texas Transfers on in competition, 6+ hearts

Overall Auctions

45. W	N	E	S	
P	P	1♦	1♠	This is not an invitational cuebid
P	2♦			does not show spade support. Asks partner, are you a full opener and shows 10+ points and an interest in 3NT.
46. W	N	E	S	
P	P	1♦	1♠	
P	2♦	P	2♠	South is not a full opener
47. W	N	E	S	Invitational cuebid
P	1♥	1♠	2♠	shows heart support and a limit+
48. W	N	E	S	
P	1♥	1♠	Dbl	Negative double. It is doubling over but not penalty.
49. W	N	E	S	
		1♦	1♠	
P	2♣	P	P	Nonforcing but constructive because it shows 10+ points. A new suit at the two-level in competition or by a passed hand is always 10+ points.
50. W	N	E	S	
		1♦	1♥	
P	1♠	P		Forcing one round and showing 4+ spades.
51. W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♥	1♠		Five spades
52. W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♥	Dbl		Four spades
53. W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♦	1♠		Four spades
54. W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♦	1♥		Four hearts

55. W	N	E	S	
1♣	1♦	Dbl		Four-four in the majors. Doubling with three in one major and four in the other is pointless because partner has already denied a five-card major.
56. W	N	E	S	
2♣	Dbl	1♦	1♠	Negative double showing four hearts and a tolerance for spades (2).
		P	P	
57. W	N	E	S	
2♦	Dbl	1♦	1♠	Negative double showing four hearts and four clubs.
58. W	N	E	S	
P	1NT	1♦	1♠	9-11, natural
		All Pass		
59. W	N	E	S	
P	2NT	1♦	1♠	12-15, natural
		All Pass		
60. W	N	E	S	
P	3NT	1♦	1♠	not done. Go through the cuebid first
		All Pass		

Notrump Overcalls

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| 61. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♠ | 1NT | Dbl | | penalty and more than 10 points |
| 62. W | N | E | S | |
| 1NT | Dbl | | | systems on after a double and 2♣ |
| 63. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | Dbl | 2♣ | to play |
| 64. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | Dbl | Rdbl | to play-redouble of partner of person being doubled |
| 65. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | Dbl | P | Penalty Double |
| P | Rdbl | | | SOS-redouble by person being doubled |
| 66. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | Dbl | P | |
| | P | Rdbl | P | 2♣ to play in 2♣ |
| 67. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | 2♠ | Dbl | penalty |
| 68. W | N | E | S | |
| 1♣ | 1NT | 2♠ | | |
| P | Dbl | | | penalty. North had his chance to make a takeout double when he overcalled 1NT. |
| 69. W | N | E | S | |
| | 1NT | 2♠ | Dbl | doubling over is penalty |
| 70. W | N | E | S | |
| | 1NT | 2♠ | P | |
| P | Dbl | | | doubling under is takeout. Cannot be penalty because he does not know partner's hand. |

Doubles

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| 71. 1♣ | Dbl | 2(3) or less clubs with 3+ cards in unbid suits | | |
| 72. 1♣ | 1NT | double club stopper, 15-18, may have a four-card major but not both | | |
| 73. 1♥ | Dbl | 2(3) or less hearts with 3+ cards in unbid suits | | |
| 74. 1♥ | 1NT | double heart stopper, 15-18, likely does not have a good four-card spade suit | | |
| 75. 1♣ | dbl | P | 1♥ | 0-8 points |
| 76. 1♣ | dbl | 1♦ | 1♥ | 5-8 points, perhaps a double fit, perhaps a five card heart suit |
| 77. 1♣ | Dbl | P | 2♥ | 9+ points |
| 78. 1♣ | dbl | 1♦ | 2♥ | 9+ points |
| 79. 1♣ | Dbl | P | 2♣ | pick the major, I will show my strength next bid or 12+ points |
| 80. 1♠ | Dbl | P | 2♣ | 0-8 points no four hearts |
| 81. 1♠ | Dbl | 2♣ | 2♥ | 5-8 points?, perhaps a double fit, perhaps a five card heart suit 9+?? |
| 82. 1♦ | Dbl | 2♦ | Dbl | Responsive, equal major length with 6+ points |
| 83. 1♦ | Dbl | P | P | 10+ high card points and long diamonds with at least 3 trump tricks |
| 84. 1♠ | Dbl | 2NT | | 10+ points and a spade fit |
| 85. 1♠ | Dbl | Redouble | | 10+ points and no spade fit. All subsequent doubles are penalty. |
| 86. 1♠ | dbl | 3♠ | | weak, 4 card support and less than 6 points |
| 87. 1♠ | 1NT | 3NT | | this auction does not exist. With 10+ points penalize 1NT. 1NT goes down whatever you need. If you have a partscore, you will get more. If you have a game, you will get more. |

Competitive Auctions

88. W N E S
 1♠ 2♣ 3♣ 5♣
 P P 5♠ West's pass is 100% forcing. If North-South play, they play doubled.
89. W N E S
 1♥ P 2NT P
 4♥ P P 5♣ They took us out of game
 P P East cannot pass-must bid 5♥ or double
 What does West's pass say, if anything?
90. W N E S
 1♥ P 2NT P
 4♥ P P 5♣
 Dbl P What does West's double say?
91. W N E S
 2♦ 4♥ 5♦ 5♦ could be on values or as a sacrifice
 5♥ Dbl All Pass Dbl is penalty from North's own hand
92. W N E S
 2♥ P 4♥ East could be furthering the preempt or bidding to make.
 West has no idea.

Double of Preempts

93. W	N	E	S	
2♥	Dbl	P	2♠	South has 0 to a poor 8 points
94. W	N	E	S	
2♥	Dbl	P	4♠	South has 8-11
95. W	N	E	S	
2♥	Dbl	P	4♠	South has 12+
96. W	N	E	S	
3♥	Dbl	P	3♠	South has 0 to a poor 10 points
97. W	N	E	S	
3♥	Dbl	P	4♠	South has 10-15
98. W	N	E	S	
3♥	Dbl	P	4♠	South is interested in slam
99. W	N	E	S	
3♠	Dbl	P	4♥	South has 0-15, North is stronger than in the previous examples
100.	W	N	E	S
2♥	P	P	Dbl	South has 10+? or really good shape
101.	W	N	E	S
3♥	P	P	Dbl	South has 10+ ?or really good shape
102.	W	N	E	S
3♠	P	P	Dbl	South will double with really good shape.
103.	W	N	E	S
3♥	Dbl	P	4♠	South has 10-15
104.	W	N	E	S
3♥	Dbl	P	4♥	South is interested in slam

105.	W	N	E	S	
	3♠	Dbl	P	4♥	South has 0-15, North is stronger than in the previous examples
106.	W	N	E	S	
	4♥	Dbl			Takeout
107.	W	N	E	S	
	4♠	Dbl			Penalty
108.	W	N	E	S	
	4♠	4NT			Takeout showing 4♥'s and support for ♣'s and ♦'s
109.	W	N	E	S	
	4♠	4NT	P	5♣	Takeout
	P	5♦			equal level Correction (Partner pick hearts or diamonds)

Trash Stayman

If one uses 2NT as a transfer, then one has to go through Stayman to show an invitational 8-9 point hand. Otherwise Stayman promises a four-card major.

110.	W	N	E	S	
	1NT	P	2♣	P	
	2♦	P	2♥		to play showing 0-7 points and 5♥'s and 4♠'s
111.	W	N	E	S	
	1NT	P	2♣	P	
	2♦	P	2♠		to play showing 0-7 points and 5♠'s and 4♥'s
112.	W	N	E	S	
	1NT	P	2♣	P	
	2♥	P	2♠		8-9 invitational with 4 spades
113.	W	N	E	S	
	1NT	P	2♣	P	
	2♥	P	2NT		8-9 invitational without 4 spades

114.	W	N	E	S
	1NT	P	2♣	P
	2♥	P	3NT	P
	4♠			

Stayman does promise a four-card major except when 8-9

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Double is penalty. The two level is to play, the three level is forcing and cuebid is Stayman. 2NT is a relay to 3♣. Going through the relay to bid 3NT or the cuebid shows a stopper. Going directly to 3NT or the cuebid shows no stopper. Fast denies, slow shows.

2♥ shows a heart suit:

115.	1NT	2♥	Dbl	P	Penalty	
116.	1NT	2♥	2♠		to play, any two level bid is to play	
117.	1NT	2♥	3♠		any three-level bid is forcing to game, showing a five-card suit.	
118.	1NT	2♥	3♣		any three-level bid is forcing to game, showing a five-card suit. Use relay to get out with a weak club hand.	
119.	1NT	2♥	2NT	P	2NT is a relay to 3♣.	
	3♣	P	3NT	P	3NT with a stopper.	
120.		1NT	2♥	3NT	P	3NT without a heart stopper.
121.	1NT	2♥	2NT	P		
	3♣	P	3♥	P	Stayman with a heart stopper.	
122.		1NT	2♥	3♥	P	Stayman without a heart stopper.
123.		1NT	2♥	2NT	P	
	3♣	P	3♠	P	invitational, 8-9 points and five spades	
124.		1NT	2♥	2NT	P	

3♣ P P P Weak hand with clubs.

125. 1NT 2♥ 2NT P
3♣ P 3♦ P Weak hand with diamonds.

2♥ shows the majors:

126. 1NT 2♥ 3♥ P hearts stopped but not spades, forcing to game

127. 1NT 2♥ 3♠ P spades stopper but not hearts, forcing to game

3♣ P 3♥ P Stayman with a heart stopper.

128. 1NT 2♥ 2NT P
3♣ P 3♥ P Stayman with a heart stopper.

2♥ shows hearts and an unknown minor:

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How do you address stoppers in the unknown suit?

129. 1NT 2♥ 2NT P

Advanced Bidding Situations

Repeating a five card major

130. W N E S
1♠ P 1NT P
2♠ shows six

131. W N E S
1♥ P 2♦ P
2♥ shows five and could look like the following:
♠32 ♥AQJ102 ♦54 ♣KQJ2

132. W N E S
 1♥ P 2♦ P
 3♣ shows extra values

133. Rebidding a minor:
 Shows six cards except
 with a singleton or
 a suit bid by opponents that is not stopped
 Otherwise 1NT is bid

135. Raising partner's major with 3 cards
partner could have four cards
singleton somewhere

example:

W	N	E	S
	1♣	P	1♠
P	2♠		

North could have:

♠K32 ♥3 ♦A953 ♣KQJ32