

# Card Combinations Bridge Quiz 2

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## Defending

1. Do you cover the Queen?

♠ A2  
♠ K653  
♠ Q

♠ A42  
♠ K653  
♠ Q

2. South bid hearts first, Do you cover the Jack?

♥ A987  
♥ K2  
♥ J

3. South opened 1♣ and ended up in a 4♠ contract. Do you cover the Jack?

♠ K1032  
♠ Q45  
♠ J

## Declaring

4. Do you finesse for the king or play for the drop?

♠ AQ432  
♠ J10987

Which card do you lead from South's hand?

5. Do you finesse for the king or play for the drop?

♠ AQ432  
♠ J109875

Which card do you lead from South's hand?

6. With no information do you finesse for the Queen or play for the drop?

♠ AKJ32  
♠ 10987

Does your answer change either if West opened or East pre-empted?

7. Do you finesse for the Queen if West led a singleton against a 4♠ contract?

♠AKJ3

♠10987

Can you think of a situation where you would play for the drop of the Queen in the above eight card holding?

8. You want no losers, how do you play the following?

AQ1032

987

What is the best way to play this suit with the odds in your favour?

If you choose to finesse to the Queen and it loses, what do you do next?

9. How do you play the following?

a. ♣A10987      b. ♦A1098

♣Q654                      ♦Q765

10. You have any entry you want, how do you play the following?

AQJ32

1054

11. How do you play the following?

76

J109432

12. How do you play the following?

Q8765

AJ932

13. How do you play this suit at 3NT? North has no side entries.

♦AKQ53

♦9872

14. Dummy is void, how would you play the suit.

♠AQ109876

15. How do you play the following?

AJ32

Q987

Next week's quiz will be on Trick One play at No Trump

# Card Combinations Bridge Quiz 2 Answers

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## Defending

1. Do you cover the Queen?

|       |       |
|-------|-------|
| ♠A2   | ♠A42  |
| ♠K653 | ♠K653 |
| ♠Q    | ♠Q    |

Never, when you can outlast the finesse (as is the case here) or when the honour you are trying to promote will be singleton or doubleton in partner's hand.

2. South bid hearts first, Do you cover the Jack? No here is the entire suit.

♥A987  
♥K2                  ♥Q  
♥J106543

3. South opened 1♣ and ended up in a 4♠ contract. Do you cover the Jack?

No, declarer is fishing. The entire suit is as follows.

♠K1032  
♠Q54                  ♠76  
♠AJ98

## Declaring

4. Do you finesse for the king or play for the drop?

♠AQ432  
♠J10987

Which card do you lead from South's hand? Finesse by running the Jack through.

5. Do you finesse for the king or play for the drop?

♠AQ432  
♠J109875

Which card do you lead from South's hand? You play for the drop but play the Jack to the Ace in case it gets covered by Kx.

6. With no information do you finesse for the Queen or play for the drop? The drop

♠AKJ32  
♠10987

Does your answer change either if West opened or East pre-empted? Yes. Eight Ever, Nine Never but the Nine is sometimes not never.

7. Do you finesse for the Queen if West led a singleton against a 4♠ contract? No.

♠AKJ3  
♠10987

Can you think of a situation where you would play for the drop of the Queen in the above eight card holding? You need two ruffs in both hands. You set up the ruffs and cash AK♠.

8. You want no losers, how do you play the following? Run the nine through.  
 AQ1032  
 987  
 What is the best way to play this suit with the odds in your favour? 9 to the Queen  
 If you choose to finesse to the Queen and it loses, what do you do next? Run the 8 through.
9. How do you play the following?
- |    |         |    |        |    |        |
|----|---------|----|--------|----|--------|
| a. | ♣A10987 | b. | ♦A1098 | c. | ♠A1098 |
|    | ♣Q654   |    | ♦Q765  |    | ♠Q76   |
- a. Small to the Ace then 10 towards the Queen.  
 b. Run the Queen through then finesse to the 10.  
 c. Same as b.
10. You have any entry you want, how do you play the following?  
 AQJ32      Small to the Q in case the King is onside singleton.  
 1054
11. How do you play the following?  
 76      You could have 4 losers if the suit is 4-1 then it is likely the singleton is an  
 J109432      honour so play the 2 to the 7.
12. How do you play the following?  
 Q8765      Run the Queen through in case West is void, then the 10 still can be  
 AJ932      still be finessed.
13. How do you play this suit at 3NT? North has no side entries.  
 ♦AKQ53      987 must go under the AKQ  
 ♦9872
14. Dummy is void, how would you play the suit.  
 ♠---      cash A and guess whether the King or Jack is likely doubleton.  
 ♠AQ109876      If you think King is doubleton, play the Ace then the 10 otherwise play the  
 Ace then the Queen.
15. How do you play the following, King is onside?  
 AJ32      Play to the Jack and it wins so now decide if the K is doubleton onside or the ten is  
 Q987      doubleton offside.