

## BIDDING QUIZ

What is the range of the last no trump bid?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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1 S	2 C	P	2N 10 - 12, Perhaps 13 with club shortness. Partner should have something close to an opening hand, and will go to game with extras. With the club ace or king, you should be more aggressive.
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1 H	1 S	P	2 NT 12 - 14. Partner should have something like ten points for his overcall. If your style is to overcall very light, it should still show about this count, because often partner will have a full overcall for his bid. You do not always get a weak hand.
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	2 S	P	2 NT 15 to 17 or 18. Tend to be on the top of the bid when vulnerable. Usually you do not have any interest in the other majors, or you could have doubled.
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	3S	P	3NT You and your partner need to have an agreement. If undiscussed, it could be anything from 16 to 23, because in standard bidding a jump to 4 NT would be unusual for the minors, and double followed by 4NT after p partner's bid would be Blackwood. Assume it is about 16 - 18, and go from there.
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	1 C	P	1 H
P	2 NT	P	4 NT Opener's rebid shows 18/19, so 4 NT is quantitative, asking partner to go on to slam with the top of his bid, or with a good five card suit. You need 13/14, or a little less with a runnable five card suit.

	1 D	P	2 NT
P	3 NT	P	4 NT If 2NT is forcing, you need about 18/19. If it is not forcing, there is no such sequence. You told your story when you bid 2 NT.

	1 C	P	2 NT Here you need a partnership agreement. It is either 11/12, or it is 13/15, your choice.
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	1 C	p	3 NT See the previous answer.
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**BONUS INFORMATION.** Some partnerships use a jump to two hearts to show 11//12, balanced, without a four card major. Then 2 NT 12 16/18, and 3 NT is 13/15.

	1 NT	P	5 NT This bid is an invitation for partner to bid a grand with the top of his opening bid, and to bid 6 on the bottom. You would have to have enough points to be certain that you are not off an ace, or a total of 37 HCP. The bid should show about 22 HCP. Long suits do not help.
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In the following five hands, what would be your call after the following sequence?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 S	P	2 H
P	3 H	P	????

**K J 3**      **A Q 10 6 5**      **A 6 5 2**      **4**      Bid three spades. Even if you do not play 2/1, this auction is forcing to game, and is slam invitational. With a double fit, you do not need much from partner.

**5**      **A Q 9 8 4 3**      **A J 6**      **9 7 4**      You are minimum, and are short in partner's suit, which is a demerit. Bid 4 hearts, and run for cover.

**5**      **A Q 9 8 5 4**      **A K J**      **9 7 4**      With a good fit, and with club control, cue bid diamonds, telling partner that you have the ace, but not the ace of clubs. Slam is not out of the question.

**K 5**      **A Q 9 8 6 4**      **A 2**      **A 7 4**      A perfect hand for RKC Blackwood.

—      **Q J 10 7 6 4 3**      **A K Q**      **A K Q**      All that you need to know is about the Ace and King of trump. Bid 5 NT, **the GRAND SLAM FORCE** convention. Asking partner to bid a grand with two of the top three trump honors. If you play **exclusion Blackwood**, this would not be the right time to use the convention. Partner might think you are making some kind of slam try in spades.

What would you bid with these hands after an opponent's overcall?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
	1 H	1 S	?????

**K 10 8 7 4**      **Q J 7 3**      **K Q**      **7 3**      You do not want to defend against one spade. It is never a good idea to defend against a low level contract when you have a good fit with partner. Make a limit raise.

**5 2**      **J 8 5 3**      **A K J 7**      **K J 9**      Depending on your style, three hearts would be a limit raise or a preemptive bid, and four hearts would be preemptive. Cue bid, and then bid four hearts.

**3 2**      **7 2**      **A K Q J 8**      **A 10 9 7**      Make a negative double. If partner bids 2 hearts, bid two spades, asking for a stopper. If partner bids one no trump, bid three no trump. If partner bids one of the minors, bid spades, asking for a stopper, and if partner does not have one, you might want to shoot it out in five of a minor, or four hearts on the 5/2 fit.

**Q 9 8 7**      **J 10**      **Q J 3**      **A J 8 4**      Bid two no trump. A jump to two no trump, after an overcall, shows 11/12, with stoppers, and denies a fit with partner.

How do you continue the bidding after partner overcalls, when you have a fit, and the next player passes?

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
<b>1 D</b>	<b>1 S</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>?????</b>

**K Q 5**      **9 7**    **10 8 6 5**      **8 5 4 2**      2 spades. Yes, you only have 5 points, but you do not want to give them room to show hearts. Now they will have to bid at the 3 level. Also, partner will get off to the right lead.

**K Q 5 4**      **9 7**    **10 8 6 5**      **8 5 4**      Three spades. Jump bids in competition are preemptive, showing no more than 7 or eight points and a four card fit. Be careful vulnerable, especially if you do not have shortness in the other suits.

**K Q 5 4**      **9 7**    **8 6 5**      **K 10 5 4**      Three diamonds. A jump cue bid is a mixed raise, showing about 9 points, and decent defensive values. It also promises 4 trump. The hand is too good for a preempt, but not good enough to make a limit raise. A cue bid would be a limit raise.

**K Q 5 4**      **9 7**    **8 6 5**      **A J 5 4**      2 diamonds. A perfect hand for a limit raise.