



MegaHands: 2C Openers Rebids: Suit and 2NT Rebids

Summer 2021

The Basics of the 2C Opener and Suit Rebids

Opener uses the 2C Opening bid when Opener has 21+ hcp and one of several shapes.

- * Opener is too big to open a 1-level Standard Suit bid.
Opening 1C, 1D, 1H or 1S: 12-20 hcp
- * Opener is too big to open 2NT.
Opening 2NT: 20-21 hcp and a Balanced Hand.
More about this concept in the next lesson.
- * Opener has 9+ winning tricks

These examples focus solely on an Opener's Rebid (2nd bid) in a long suit

2C Opener

**Opener Must Make An Attention-getting Bid To Tell Responder That Opener Needs 2-3 Bids
Just To Give Accurate Information About Opener's MegaHand.**

Opener uses the 2C Opening bid to show a MegaHand.

This 2C Opening bid is artificial. It does NOT mean that the Opener likes Clubs.

The 2C Opening bid says,

"Responder, I have such a big point count!

I want us to keep the auction going for a couple of rounds just so I can explain my hand."



MegaHands: 2C Openers Rebids: *Suit and 2NT Rebids*

Summer 2021

The Basics of the 2C Opener and Suit Rebids

Requirement to Open 2C – Opener's 1st Bid:

21+ hcp	5+-card Major Suit	<i>Too big to open 1H or 1S (12-20 hcp)</i>
Or	6+-card Minor Suit	

OR

22+ hcp	Balanced Hand with too many hcp to open 2NT
	<i>Opening 2NT requires 20-21 hcp</i>

Responder's First Bid: Responder almost always bids 2D – Waiting

This "Waiting" bid is Responder's way of keeping the auction open.

This artificial 2D bid (*Responder is not saying she likes Diamonds*) avoids 3 Passes before the auction returns to Opener's big hand.

EXCEPTION to Responding 2D:

Responder may bid own 5+-card Major suit (with a good honor)

If Responder has an Ace and a King anywhere in the hand

1 ½ Quick Tricks: Ace is a Quick Trick. King is ½ Quick Trick.

Opener's Rebid – Opener's 2nd Bid with a Suit Rebid

This is Opener's first REAL bid in this auction.

Opener will now describe the SHAPE of the Opening Hand.

Opener Rebid Choices:

2H or 2S	5+-card Major suit
3C or 3D	6+-card Minor suit

Or

2NT	Balanced Hand
-----	---------------



The Basics of the 2C Opener and Suit Rebids

Responder's Rebid – Responder's 2nd Bid

Responder is REQUIRED to take a 2nd bid even with zero Responding points.

Responder must allow the auction to return to Opener for a 3rd possible bid.

It's the only way that Opener gets enough time to truly, fully describe the Opening MegaHand.

This is Responder's first REAL bid in this auction.

Responder will now react to Opener's Rebid.

Responder's Rebid will now be a reaction to Opener's 2nd bid.

In stating that Responder's Rebid is Responder's first real bid, we mean that it has the first real meaning and purpose.

Responder's Rebid here might be support for Opener's real suit rebid, or

Responder's Rebid here might be a conventional bid such as Stayman or Jacoby in search of a Major-Suit Fit after Opener's real 2NT rebid.



MegaHands: 2C Openers Rebids: *Suit and 2NT Rebids*

Summer 2021

Responder 2nd bid Choices after Opener rebids a Suit:

* Did Opener Rebid a 5+-card Major suit

Responder has 3+-card support	Add Distribution
0-3 points	Bid 3-level in suit
4+ points	Bid Game in suit

What if Responder does not Have a Fit in Opener's Major?

Responder may bid a 5+-card suit now if holding 4+ hcp (Game)

Responder may bid NT if Responder is unafraid of unbid suits

4+ pts	Bid 3NT
0-3 pts	Bid 2NT

* Did Opener Rebid a 6+-card Minor Suit

Responder has Minor-Suit support or Not. Doesn't Matter.

Responder is not going to raise Opener's Minor Suit rebid to Minor-Suit Game.

0+ points	Bid 3NT if you do not have any voids
8+ points and a Void	Consider 5C or 5D

Or bid your own suit with GOOD 5+ cards and Game-Going Responding points
Don't bid a Minor-Suit Game. Bid NT.

Opener will consider Responder's Rebid and either continue to Game in suit or continue to Game in NT

Exercises

South is always the Dealer. Add up your points.
How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

Hand 1	Hand 2	Hand 3	Hand 4
North ♠ Q 7 4 ♥ 6 4 3 ♦ 9 ♣ K Q 9 4 3 2 South ♠ K 2 ♥ A K Q T 8 5 ♦ A K ♣ A 8 5	North ♠ Q J 6 ♥ 8 2 ♦ Q J 7 5 4 3 ♣ T 3 South ♠ A T 7 4 3 2 ♥ A K Q ♦ A K 8 ♣ A	North ♠ T 8 3 2 ♥ T 7 ♦ K Q 4 3 ♣ 8 4 3 South ♠ K Q J 7 6 4 ♥ K Q 3 ♦ A ♣ A K 6	North ♠ 9 8 ♥ J 8 4 ♦ A 7 6 4 ♣ K T 4 3 South ♠ A Q J 7 4 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ K Q ♣ A Q 5
South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____

Hand 5	Hand 6	Hand 7	Hand 8
North ♠ T 9 8 ♥ Q 2 ♦ K 6 4 3 ♣ T 7 5 4 South ♠ K Q 7 ♥ A K T 7 4 ♦ A Q 8 ♣ A 8	North ♠ 7 4 ♥ A 8 ♦ 9 7 4 3 ♣ J T 6 4 3 South ♠ A K Q ♥ T 9 7 6 3 ♦ A K Q ♣ A 7	North ♠ T 9 6 ♥ T 9 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q J T 8 5 South ♠ A K ♥ A 8 ♦ Q J T 8 4 2 ♣ A K 6	North ♠ Q 9 8 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ Q 9 7 3 ♣ 9 6 4 South ♠ A 2 ♥ A K ♦ A K T ♣ K Q J T 8 7
South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____	South North _____ _____ _____

Exercises

South is always the Dealer. Add up your points.
 How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

Hand 9	Hand 10	Hand 11	Hand 12
North ♠ T 4 2 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ Q 8 4 3 ♣ T 7 5 South ♠ 9 7 6 ♥ A K J 7 5 ♦ A K J ♣ A K	North ♠ 8 7 6 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ T 9 8 7 5 South ♠ A T 9 ♥ K Q J T 5 ♦ A K 7 ♣ A 6	North ♠ T 7 3 ♥ T 6 ♦ Q 4 3 2 ♣ T 9 7 4 South ♠ A K 8 ♥ K Q J 9 8 ♦ A 7 ♣ A K 5	North ♠ 8 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2 South ♠ A K Q 4 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A K Q T ♣ A T
<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____

Hand 13	Hand 14	Hand 15	Hand 16
North ♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A 9 5 2 South ♠ A J 8 4 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ A K Q ♣ 7 4	North ♠ A J T 7 ♥ 9 8 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ T 8 6 3 South ♠ K 4 ♥ K Q J 7 ♦ A K 9 4 ♣ A K 4	North ♠ A 7 4 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ 9 8 3 South ♠ K 9 8 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ K Q 6	North ♠ J 6 3 ♥ T 9 6 5 4 ♦ T 8 6 ♣ A T South ♠ A K Q 9 ♥ A K 8 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ K 8 7
<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____

Exercises

South is always the Dealer. Add up your points.
 How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

Hand 17	Hand 18	Hand 19	Hand 20
North ♠ Q 9 5 4 3 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ J T ♣ K T 6 South ♠ A K ♥ A 9 7 ♦ A K 9 4 3 ♣ A 8 4	North ♠ T 9 6 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ T 6 4 2 ♣ 9 6 4 South ♠ A K Q 7 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A K Q ♣ Q 7 2	North ♠ 7 6 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 5 South ♠ A 9 8 ♥ A Q 6 4 ♦ A K 2 ♣ A J 4	North ♠ 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ 4 3 South ♠ K Q ♥ K J 7 ♦ A K 9 ♣ K Q J 8 7
<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____

Hand 21	Hand 22	Hand 23	Hand 24
North ♠ A T 7 6 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K T 8 South ♠ K 9 8 ♥ A Q T 6 4 ♦ A K ♣ A J 4	North ♠ Q J 9 8 3 ♥ T 6 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ 6 4 3 South ♠ K T 7 ♥ A K 9 7 2 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ A Q	North ♠ A Q 8 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ T 7 ♣ J T 5 4 3 South ♠ 6 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 3 ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 7	North ♠ 7 ♥ J T 9 8 ♦ K T 9 7 ♣ K J 9 8 South ♠ A K Q T 9 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ A ♣
<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____	<u>South</u> <u>North</u> _____ _____ _____

ANSWERS to the Exercises

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<div>Hand 1</div> <div><div>North (7)</div><div>♠ Q 7 4</div><div>♥ 6 4 3</div><div>♦ 9</div><div>♣ K Q 9 4 3 2</div></div> <div><div>South (23)</div><div>♠ K 2</div><div>♥ A K Q T 8 5</div><div>♦ A K</div><div>♣ A 8 5</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2H</div><div>4H</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp.</div></div> <div><div>North only knows that South has 21+ hcp – has no idea of the shape of South’s hand. North’s job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. North bids 2D – “Waiting.”</div><div>Waiting to hear what the big hand will say next.</div></div> <div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2H to show the 5+ Heart cards. This bid does not show the upper limit of South’s Opening point count.</div></div> <div><div>North still only knows that the Opener has 21+ hcp.</div><div>Therefore, North must respond again to allow the auction to return to South one more time.</div><div>The good news is that North has a reasonable 2nd bid. North has 3 Heart cards to go with South.</div><div>North has 9 total points with Distribution.</div><div>North knows the partnership has a Game and a Fit. North bids 4H.</div></div>	<div>Hand 2</div> <div><div>North (6)</div><div>♠ Q J 6</div><div>♥ 8 2</div><div>♦ Q J 7 5 4 3</div><div>♣ T 3</div></div> <div><div>South (24)</div><div>♠ A T 7 4 3 2</div><div>♥ A K Q</div><div>♦ A K 8</div><div>♣ A</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2S</div><div>4S</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Spades and 21+ hcp.</div></div> <div><div>North only knows that South has 21+ hcp – has no idea of the shape of South’s hand. North’s job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. North bids 2D – “Waiting.”</div><div>Waiting to hear what the big hand will say next.</div></div> <div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2S to show the 5+ Spade cards. This bid does not show the upper limit of South’s Opening point count.</div></div> <div><div>North still only knows that the Opener has 21+ hcp.</div><div>Therefore, North must respond again to allow the auction to return to South one more time.</div><div>The good news is that North has a reasonable 2nd bid. North has 3 Spade cards to go with South.</div><div>North has 8 total points with Distribution.</div><div>North knows the partnership has a Game and a Fit. North bids 4S.</div></div>	<div>Hand 3</div> <div><div>North (5)</div><div>♠ T 8 3 2</div><div>♥ T 7</div><div>♦ K Q 4 3</div><div>♣ 8 4 3</div></div> <div><div>South (22)</div><div>♠ K Q J 7 6 4</div><div>♥ K Q 3</div><div>♦ A</div><div>♣ A K 6</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2S</div><div>4S</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Spades and 21+ hcp.</div></div> <div><div>North only knows that South has 21+ hcp – has no idea of the shape of South’s hand. North’s job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. North bids 2D – “Waiting.”</div><div>Waiting to hear what the big hand will say next.</div></div> <div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2S to show the 5+ Spade cards. This bid does not show the upper limit of South’s Opening point count.</div></div> <div><div>North still only knows the Opener has 21+ hcp.</div><div>Therefore, North must respond again to allow the auction to return to South one more time.</div><div>The good news is that North has a reasonable 2nd bid. North has 4 Spade cards to go with South.</div><div>North has 6 total points with Distribution.</div><div>North knows the partnership has a Game and a Fit. North bids 4S.</div></div>
---	---	--

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<div>Hand 4</div> <div><div>North (8)</div><div>♠ 9 8</div><div>♥ J 8 4</div><div>♦ A 7 6 4</div><div>♣ K T 4 3</div></div> <div><div>South (23)</div><div>♠ A Q J 7 4</div><div>♥ K Q 6</div><div>♦ K Q</div><div>♣ A Q 5</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2S</div><div>3NT</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Spades and 21+ hcp.</div><div>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2S to show the 5+ Spade cards.</div><div>North does not have 3 Spade cards for South. No Spade Fit. North does have at least 4 points for a Game. North's job is to bid a game here. No, North should not bid a suit of her own. North would need 5+ cards with an honor in a suit. Nope. North should bid 3NT here to show the Game points but no Fit.</div></div>	<div>Hand 5</div> <div><div>North (5)</div><div>♠ T 9 8</div><div>♥ Q 2</div><div>♦ K 6 4 3</div><div>♣ T 7 5 4</div></div> <div><div>South (22)</div><div>♠ K Q 7</div><div>♥ A K T 7 4</div><div>♦ A Q 8</div><div>♣ A 8</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2H</div><div>3NT</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp.</div><div>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2H to show the 5+ Heart cards.</div><div>North does not have 3 Heart cards for South. No Heart Fit. North does have at least 4 points for a Game. North's job is to bid a game here. No, North should not bid a suit of her own. North would need 5+ cards with an honor in a suit. Nope. North should bid 3NT here to show the Game points but no Fit.</div></div>	<div>Hand 6</div> <div><div>North (5)</div><div>♠ 7 4</div><div>♥ A 8</div><div>♦ 9 7 4 3</div><div>♣ J T 6 4 3</div></div> <div><div>South (22)</div><div>♠ A K Q</div><div>♥ T 9 7 6 3</div><div>♦ A K Q</div><div>♣ A 7</div></div> <div><div><div><div>South</div><div>North</div></div><div><div>2C</div><div>2D</div></div><div><div>2H</div><div>3NT</div></div></div></div> <div><div>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp. The Hearts do not have to have an honor card – any 5 Hearts are fine.</div><div>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</div><div>South now makes a first real bid. South bids 2H to show the 5+ Heart cards.</div><div>North does not have 3 Heart cards for South. No Heart Fit. North does have at least 4 points for a Game. North's job is to bid a game here. It's true that North has a 5+ card suit. North could change the auction to the 5+-card suit IF North had a high honor: the Ace or the King. The Jack is not good enough. This is not considered a good suit. Nope. North should 3NT here to show the Game points but no Fit.</div></div>
---	---	---

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 7</p> <p>North (6) ♠ T 9 6 ♥ T 9 2 ♦ K 5 ♣ Q J T 8 5</p> <p>South (21) ♠ A K ♥ A 8 ♦ Q J T 8 4 2 ♣ A K 6</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3D</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 6+ Diamonds and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 3D to indicate NO 5-card Major suit but holding 6+ Diamond cards. South should show the long Diamond suit because it's the way to describe her shape.</p> <p>NOTE: You will learn a more elegant way of bidding down the road when you hold a long Minor suit. For now, this the best way to describe your hand.</p> <p>North has 2 Diamond cards so the partnership has a Fit. Should the partnership play in Diamonds? Not really. With a total of 27+ hcp between them, the partnership can probably make 3NT without trouble. 3NT scores better than Diamonds! North should rebid 3NT. Don't worry about Stoppers, North. South is holding a MegaHand! Yes, North's hand will become Declarer.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	3D	3NT	<p>Hand 8</p> <p>North (4) ♠ Q 9 8 ♥ 9 8 7 ♦ Q 9 7 3 ♣ 9 6 4</p> <p>South (24) ♠ A 2 ♥ A K ♦ A K T ♣ K Q J T 8 7</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3C</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 6+ Clubs and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 3C to indicate NO 5-card Major suit but holding 6+ Club cards. South should show the long Club suit because it's the way to describe her shape.</p> <p>NOTE: You will learn a more elegant way of bidding down the road when you hold a long Minor suit. For now, this the best way to describe your hand.</p> <p>North has 3 Club cards so the partnership has a Fit. Should the partnership play in Clubs? Not really. With a total of 25+ hcp between them, the partnership can probably make 3NT without trouble. 3NT scores better than Clubs!! North should rebid 3NT. Don't worry about Stoppers, North. South is holding a MegaHand! Yes, North's hand will become Declarer.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	3C	3NT
South	North												
2C	2D												
3D	3NT												
South	North												
2C	2D												
3C	3NT												

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 9</p> <p>North (2) ♠ T 4 2 ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ Q 8 4 3 ♣ T 7 5</p> <p>South (23) ♠ 9 7 6 ♥ A K J 7 5 ♦ A K J ♣ A K</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2H</td> <td>4H</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. <i>The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</i></p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. <i>South rebids 2H to show a 5+-card Heart suit. This is all the 2H bid shows. Nothing more about points.</i></p> <p>North's Responding hand must take another bid in the auction. <i>North knows that South's Opening hand has 21+ hcp, but not how many points above 21. North has just 2 hcp – no Distribution. North does have a Heart Fit. *sigh* True, North does not know how many points are in South's Opening hand. But North should immediately bid <u>Game</u> in Hearts. Do not bid 3H! It does <u>not</u> mean "only a few points." You will learn a different meaning in this case of bidding only 3H. Responder should bid Game with 0+ hcp. Really. For now, just bid Game with a Fit and hope for the best.</i></p>	South	North	2C	2D	2H	4H	P		<p>Hand 10</p> <p>North (2) ♠ 8 7 6 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 ♣ T 9 8 7 5</p> <p>South (21) ♠ A T 9 ♥ K Q J T 5 ♦ A K 7 ♣ A 6</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2H</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. <i>The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</i></p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. <i>South rebids 2H to show a 5+-card Heart suit. This is all the 2H bid shows. Nothing more about points.</i></p> <p>North does not have 3 Heart cards for South. No Heart Fit. <i>North has just 2 hcp. Should North Pass? No! Responder must bid again. Must give Opener another chance to bid. Even though North has just 2 hcp, South's Opening hand might still have at least 23 hcp for the partnership to have Game points. So, North must make another Responder's bid. What? Since there is no Heart Fit AND since North does not have a good 5+-card Major of her own and Game points, North should rebid NT. If North had 4+ hcp, North would rebid 3NT. With 0-3 hcp, North should bid 2NT.</i></p> <p>South now considers whether to continue bidding. <i>South has just 21 hcp opposite 0-3 hcp. It is unlikely that the partnership has 25 points. Pass.</i></p>	South	North	2C	2D	2H	2NT	P	
South	North																
2C	2D																
2H	4H																
P																	
South	North																
2C	2D																
2H	2NT																
P																	

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 11</p> <p>North (2) ♠ T 7 3 ♥ T 6 ♦ Q 4 3 2 ♣ T 9 7 4</p> <p>South (24) ♠ A K 8 ♥ K Q J 9 8 ♦ A 7 ♣ A K 5</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2H</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3NT / P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 5+ Hearts and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. <i>The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</i></p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. <i>South rebids 2H to show a 5+-card Heart suit. This is all the 2H bid shows. Nothing more about points.</i></p> <p>North's Responding hand must take another bid in the auction. <i>North knows that South's Opening hand has 21+ hcp, but not how many points above 21. North has just 2 hcp – no Distribution. North does NOT have a Heart Fit. North needs to bid NT instead. With 0-3 hcp, North should rebid 2NT. This indicates the low point count – not enough for Game.</i></p> <p>South knows that North has no Heart Fit. <i>South knows that North has 0-3 hcp. South holds 24 hcp. Even if North has 0 hcp, most Souths will go to 3NT with 24 hcp. It's almost Game. Some Souths might Pass instead. It's a judgement call on the part of the Opener. But with 24 hcp – that's almost Game, right? South will decide between Pass and continuing to 3NT.</i></p>	South	North	2C	2D	2H	2NT	3NT / P		<p>Hand 12</p> <p>North (1) ♠ 8 ♥ 8 7 2 ♦ J 5 3 ♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2</p> <p>South (22) ♠ A K Q 4 3 ♥ 9 6 ♦ A K Q T ♣ A T</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2S</td> <td>2NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>P</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 5+ Spades and 21+ hcp.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. <i>The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</i></p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. <i>South rebids 2S to show a 5+-card Spade suit. This is all the 2S bid shows. Nothing more about points.</i></p> <p>North's Responding hand must take another bid in the auction. <i>North knows that South's Opening hand has 21+ hcp, but not how many points above 21. North has just 1 hcp – no Distribution. North does NOT have a Spade Fit. North needs to bid NT instead. With 0-3 hcp, North should rebid 2NT. This indicates the low point count – not enough for Game.</i></p> <p>South knows that North has no Spade Fit. <i>South knows that North has 0-3 hcp. South holds 22 hcp. South just cannot know if North has 0, 1, 2, or 3 hcp. Could the partnership have 25 hcp together? Maybe. But can South know? With only 22 hcp, most Souths will Pass and play in 2NT.</i></p>	South	North	2C	2D	2S	2NT	P	
South	North																
2C	2D																
2H	2NT																
3NT / P																	
South	North																
2C	2D																
2S	2NT																
P																	

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 13</p> <p>North (6) ♠ Q 6 5 3 ♥ 8 7 4 ♦ 8 7 ♣ A 9 5 2</p> <p>South (23) ♠ A J 8 4 ♥ A K Q 9 ♦ A K Q ♣ 7 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3H</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4S</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 4-card Major and 2+ hcp. North bids 3C - Stayman.</p> <p>South has two 4-card Majors and bids up-the-line with 3H.</p> <p>North is disappointed but does not bid the Spades. Instead, North returns to 3NT.</p> <p>South knows that North is holding 4 Spade. After all, North bid Stayman and then rejected South's Hearts. Therefore, North has 4 Spades. South knows they have a Spade Fit and corrects the auction from 3NT to 4S. Now, the Big Hand becomes Declarer.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3C	3H	3NT	4S		<p>Hand 14</p> <p>North (6) ♠ A J T 7 ♥ 9 8 ♦ J 6 5 ♣ T 8 6 3</p> <p>South (23) ♠ K 4 ♥ K Q J 7 ♦ A K 9 4 ♣ A K 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3H</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 4-card Major and 2+ hcp. North bids 3C - Stayman.</p> <p>South has 4 Heart cards and rebids 3H.</p> <p>North is disappointed but does not bid the Spades. Instead, North returns to 3NT.</p> <p>South does not have 4 Spade cards to correct the auction The partnership will play in 3NT.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3C	3H	3NT
South	North																		
2C	2D																		
2NT	3C																		
3H	3NT																		
4S																			
South	North																		
2C	2D																		
2NT	3C																		
3H	3NT																		

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 15</p> <p>North (9) ♠ A 7 4 2 ♥ A 4 ♦ J 7 6 3 ♣ 9 8 3</p> <p>South (22) ♠ K 9 8 ♥ K Q 6 ♦ A K Q 8 ♣ K Q 6</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3C</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3D</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 4-card Major and 2+ hcp. North bids 3C - Stayman.</p> <p>South does not have a 4-card Major and rebids 3D to say, “YOU, Responder, should take us back to an appropriate level of NT (Game or Slam).”</p> <p>North does not have enough points to consider Slam. North returns to 3NT.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3C	3D	3NT	<p>Hand 16</p> <p>North (5) ♠ J 6 3 ♥ T 9 6 5 4 ♦ T 8 6 ♣ A T</p> <p>South (23) ♠ A K Q 9 ♥ A K 8 ♦ A 9 7 ♣ K 8 7</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3D*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3H</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4H</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 5+-card Heart suit and rebids 3D as a Jacoby Transfer to Hearts.</p> <p>South rebids the transferred the Major suit – 3H.</p> <p>North has 5-and-only-5 Heart cards and cannot be sure of a Heart Fit. North should return to 3NT to show the only-5 cards.</p> <p>South has 3 Heart cards to go with North's 5 Hearts. South corrects the auction from 3NT to 4H.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3D*	3H	3NT	4H	
South	North																		
2C	2D																		
2NT	3C																		
3D	3NT																		
South	North																		
2C	2D																		
2NT	3D*																		
3H	3NT																		
4H																			

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 17</p> <p>North (6) ♠ Q 9 5 4 3 2 ♥ 6 5 ♦ J T ♣ K T 6</p> <p>South (22) ♠ A K ♥ A 9 7 ♦ A K 9 4 3 ♣ A 8 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3H*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3S</td> <td>4S</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Yes, this IS a balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 5+-card Spade suit and rebids 3H as a Jacoby Transfer to Spades.</p> <p>South rebids the transferred the Major suit – 3S.</p> <p>North has 6+ Spade cards and knows the partnership must have a Spade Fit – South's NT shape must have a Spade Doubleton or better. North has enough points for a Game. North bids the Spade Game.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3H*	3S	4S	<p>Hand 18</p> <p>North (0) ♠ T 9 6 ♥ 7 6 4 ♦ T 6 4 2 ♣ 9 6 4</p> <p>South (23) ♠ A K Q 7 ♥ K 9 8 ♦ A K Q ♣ Q 7 2</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>Pass</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North does not have a 4-card Major – No Stayman. North does not have a 5+-card Major – No Jacoby. North will respond Naturally. North has zero hcp!</p> <p>North is not required to bid now – North can and should Pass. When Opener starts with 2C, the partnership is required to keep bidding until the partnership reaches at least one level below Game.</p> <p>2NT IS one level below Game.</p> <p>With 0 or 1 hcp, Responder can and should Pass.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	Pass
South	North														
2C	2D														
2NT	3H*														
3S	4S														
South	North														
2C	2D														
2NT	Pass														

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 19</p> <p>North (5) ♠ 7 6 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K Q 8 7 5</p> <p>South (22) ♠ A 9 8 ♥ A Q 6 4 ♦ A K 2 ♣ A J 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Yes, this IS a balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North does not have a 4-card Major – No Stayman. North does not have a 5+-card Major – No Jacoby. North has 5 hcp – enough for a Game. Which Game? 3NT.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3NT	<p>Hand 20</p> <p>North (6) ♠ 9 8 6 3 2 ♥ A 4 3 ♦ Q 5 4 ♣ 4 3</p> <p>South (22) ♠ K Q ♥ K J 7 ♦ A K 9 ♣ K Q J 8 7</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2NT</td> <td>3H*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3S</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4S</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes a first real bid. South rebids 2NT to show the Balanced hand.</p> <p>North may now use Stayman, Jacoby, or Natural bidding. North has a 5+-card Major suit and rebids 3H as a Jacoby Transfer to Spades.</p> <p>South rebids the transferred Major suit – 3S.</p> <p>North has 5-and-only-5 Spade cards and returns to 3NT to show the only-5-card Major.</p> <p>South has 3 Spade cards to go with North's only-5 Spades. South corrects the auction from 3NT to 4S.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2NT	3H*	3S	3NT	4S	
South	North																
2C	2D																
2NT	3NT																
South	North																
2C	2D																
2NT	3H*																
3S	3NT																
4S																	

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 21</p> <p>North (7) ♠ A T 7 6 4 ♥ 9 3 ♦ 7 6 3 ♣ K T 8</p> <p>South (21) ♠ K 9 8 ♥ A Q T 6 4 ♦ A K ♣ A J 4</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4S</td> <td>P</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Yes, this IS a balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting. BUT... if Responder holds a 5+-card Major AND 1 ½ Quick Tricks (an Ace and a King anywhere in the hand), Responder may bid the Major suit instead of 2D. North should respond 2S.</p> <p>South has 3 Spade cards to go with North's implied 5-card Spade suit. The partnership has a Spade Fit! Wham! That's it! Go with the known Fit! South should support North's Spade suit by rebidding 4S. South knows that North holds at least one Ace and one King in the Responding hand. South has just 21ish points – not enough to consider Slam.</p> <p>North has only 7 hcp opposite South's hand. No Slam here.</p>	South	North	2C	2S	4S	P	<p>Hand 22</p> <p>North (9) ♠ Q J 9 8 3 ♥ T 6 ♦ K 9 7 ♣ 6 4 3</p> <p>South (22) ♠ K T 7 ♥ A K 9 7 2 ♦ A Q 3 ♣ A Q</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2H</td> <td>2S</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4S</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C with 22+ hcp and Balanced hand. Yes, this IS a balanced hand. Too big to open 2NT.</p> <p>North's job is to keep the auction open for South to bid again. The most common way for South to keep the auction alive is by bidding 2D – Waiting. If North is holding a 5+-card suit with honor(s) AND has and Ace and a King in the hand, North could bid his own 5-card Major instead of 2D. North has a 5-card Major but does not have The Ace and King requirement. North does respond 2D – Waiting</p> <p>South bids a 5+-card Major now to show real shape in the Opening hand.</p> <p>North does not have 3-card Heart support. However, North may now bid a 5-card suit with at least one honor. North needs 4+ Game-Going Responding points to make this bid now.</p> <p>South has 3-card support for North's Heart suit. South can bid the Game in North's Hearts.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2H	2S	4S	
South	North														
2C	2S														
4S	P														
South	North														
2C	2D														
2H	2S														
4S															

ANSWERS - Ready to Try Some Exercises on Your Own?

South is always the Dealer. How does the auction proceed? E-W are passing.

<p>Hand 23</p> <p>North (7) ♠ A Q 8 ♥ 6 5 2 ♦ T 7 ♣ J T 5 4 3</p> <p>South (19) ♠ 6 ♥ A K Q J 9 8 3 ♦ A K 2 ♣ Q 7</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2H</td> <td>4H</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C without 21+ hcp. South has 9 winning tricks in the Opening hand. 7 Heart winners and 2 Diamond winners. South should not open this hand with 1H. By Opening 2C, South is conveying the extra strength in this hand.</p> <p>North bids 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes the real bid in Hearts – but just 2H. South knows the auction will continue because North's Responding hand must bid at least one more time in a 2C auction. South will make sure that Heart becomes the trump suit.</p> <p>North has 3 Heart cards to go with the presumed 5+-card Heart suit in South. North needs at least 4 hcp to go with the presumed 21+ hcp in South. North bids the Heart Game.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2H	4H	<p>Hand 24</p> <p>North (8) ♠ 7 ♥ J T 9 8 ♦ K T 9 7 ♣ K J 9 8</p> <p>South (19) ♠ A K Q T 9 8 4 3 ♥ A Q 7 ♦ A ♣</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>South</th> <th>North</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2C</td> <td>2D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2S</td> <td>3NT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4S</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>South opens 2C without 21+ hcp. South has 9 winning tricks in the Opening hand. 7+ Spade winners, 1 Heart winner, and 1 Diamond winner. South should not open this hand with 1S. By Opening 2C, South is conveying the extra strength in this hand.</p> <p>North bids 2D – Waiting.</p> <p>South now makes the real bid in Spades – but just 2S. South knows the auction will continue because North's Responding hand must bid at least one more time in a 2C auction. South will make sure that Spades becomes the trump suit.</p> <p>North does not have 3 Spade cards for South's presumed 5+-card Spade suit. But North has * 4+ hcp to take the contract to game opposite South's presumed 21+ hcp.</p> <p>* Honors / length in the other 3 suits. North should rebid 3NT.</p> <p>South will correct the auction to the rightful trump suit – Spades.</p>	South	North	2C	2D	2S	3NT	4S	
South	North														
2C	2D														
2H	4H														
South	North														
2C	2D														
2S	3NT														
4S															