

# INTERMEDIATE LESSONS

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# INTERMEDIATE LESSON 6

## Competitive bidding when we open



# Partner opens and Opps overcall a suit at 1 or 2 level

- Some bids *remain the same*, for example:
- *pass* = 0-5 HCP (but see below)
- *raise Opener's suit* to the 2 level with support and 6-9 HCP
- *bid 1NT* with 6-9, *2NT* with 10-12, *3NT* with 13+, no support for partner, hold/stop in their suit
- *new suit* at the 1 level with 6+ HCP, at 2 level with 10+ HCP, both forcing

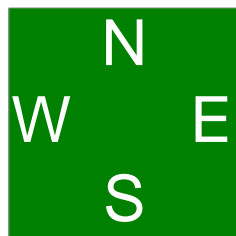


# Partner opens and Opps overcall a suit at 1 or 2 level

- Some bids have a *different meaning*, for example:
- *pass* may also show a good hand with a strong holding in opps suit. We hope that Opener will then re-open with a double with shortage in their suit, which can then be passed for penalties
- *raise Opener's suit to the 3 level* with support and 3-6 points – pre-emptive
- *cue bid* their suit with 10+ HCP and good support for partner
- *double* to show the unbid suits – 6+ HCP at the 1 level, 10+ HCP at the 2 level



♠ A 6  
 ♥ K Q 8 7 4  
 ♦ Q J 9 7  
 ♣ K 6



♠ 8 7 3  
 ♥ 9 2  
 ♦ A K 8 3  
 ♣ Q 7 5 2

*West*

1 ♥

3 ♦

*North*

1 ♠

All pass

*East*

Dbl

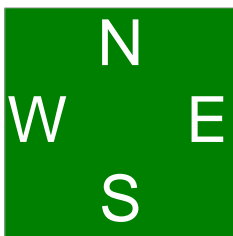
*South*

2 ♠

East's double shows 6+ HCP and ideally the unbid suits.  
 West is strong enough to compete to the 3 level.



♠ J 7 5  
 ♥ A 9 8  
 ♦ A J 9 8 7 3  
 ♣ K



♠ 9 6 2  
 ♥ K Q 7 6 2  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ Q J 5

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♦

1 ♠

2 ♥

Pass

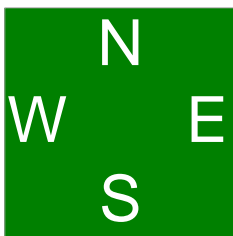
3 ♥

All pass

East's 2 ♥ shows 10+ HCP and 5+ ♥, and is forcing.  
 With 3 ♥ and a minimum hand West bids 3 ♥



♠ A K Q 8 4  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ A 9 8 4  
 ♣ 8 7



♠ J 10 9 5  
 ♥ A K 6  
 ♦ K 6  
 ♣ 10 9 6 4

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♠

2 ♦

3 ♦

Pass

4 ♠

All pass

East's 3 ♦ cue bid shows 11+ points and support for ♠, so Opener bids game.



# Partner opens and Opps jump overcall at 2 or 3 level

- Most bids *remain the same*, for example:
- *pass* = 0-7 HCP (but see below)
- *raise Opener's suit* to the 3 level with support and 8-11 HCP
- *bid 2NT* with 10-12, *3NT* with 13+, no support for partner, stop in their suit
- *new suit* at the 2 or 3 level with 10+ HCP, forcing

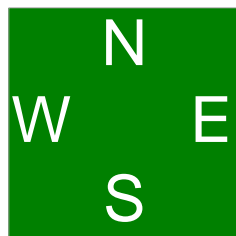


# Partner opens and Opps jump overcall at 2 or 3 level

- Some bids have a *different meaning*, for example:
- *pass* may also show a good hand with a strong holding in opps suit. Opener should then re-open with a double with shortage in opps suit, which can then be passed for penalties
- *raise Opener's suit to the 3 level* with support and 8-11 points
- *cue bid* their suit with a good hand and asking for a stop for NT
- *double* to show the unbid suits – 6+ HCP at the 1 level, 10+ HCP at the 2 level



♠ A Q 7 6  
 ♥ 7 3  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ A J 8 6 5



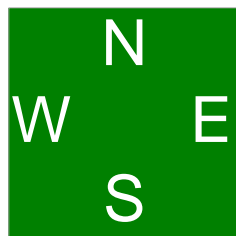
♠ 8 3  
 ♥ A K 6  
 ♦ K Q 10 7 5 2  
 ♣ K 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	2 ♠	3 ♦	Pass
3 NT	All pass		

When East bids 3 ♦, they know that they will not stop short of game and should therefore have at least 11 points. West has a good ♠ hold and therefore bids 3 NT.



♠ K Q 8 7  
 ♥ A Q 9 5 4  
 ♦ A 8 5  
 ♣ 6



♠ 9 6 3  
 ♥ J 6  
 ♦ K Q 6  
 ♣ K Q 8 7 5

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♥

3 ♣

Pass

Pass

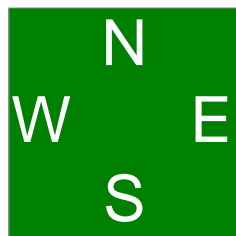
Dbl

All pass

North makes a weak jump overcall of 3 ♣. East must not double with good ♣, but passes. West now makes a take out double, which East converts to penalties by passing.



♠ 8 6  
 ♥ K J 9 4  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ A K 7 6 3



♠ 7 5  
 ♥ A Q 10 7  
 ♦ K Q 7 6  
 ♣ 9 8 2

*West*

*North*

*East*

*South*

1 ♣

2 ♠

Dbl

Pass

4 ♥

All pass

North's overcall shows a weak hand with 6 spades. East knows that they have enough for game, and makes a negative double showing the other 2 suits. West bids game in the known ♥ fit.

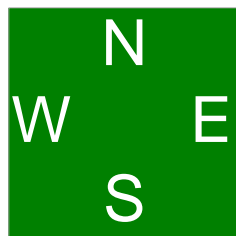


## Partner opens and Opps bid 1NT

- **Pass** = 0-9 HCP no fit or own long suit
- **Raise** = 4+ card support, 5-9 HCP
- **2 new suit** = 5+ suit, 5-9 HCP, non-forcing (alert)
- **Double** = 10+ HCP, penalties

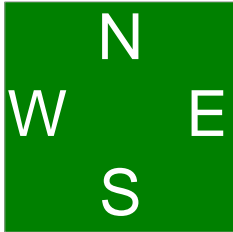


♠ J 10 3			♠ Q 7 5
♥ A Q 7 5 4			♥ 8 3
♦ A J 10 6			♦ K Q 9
♣ 5			♣ K J 7 6 4
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	1 NT	Dbl	All pass



After West has opened the bidding, East knows that their side has the majority of points, and therefore doubles for penalties.



♠ K Q 9 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ J 10 6 5		♠ J 5 ♥ Q 6 3 ♦ K J 10 9 8 6 ♣ 9 8	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	1 NT	2 ♦	All pass

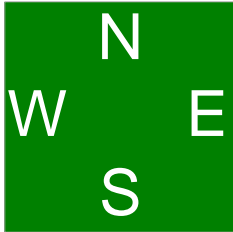
After North's 1 NT, East is too weak to double, but competes with their own long suit - West must alert this bid, as it is non-forcing.



## Partner opens 1 of a suit and Opps double

- **Pass** = 0-5 HCP
- **Single raise** = 4 card support 6-9
- **Jump raise** = pre-emptive, fit and 3-6 HCP
- **2NT** = invitational+ with a fit, 10+ HCP
- **New suit** = natural and forcing
- **1NT** = 6-9 HCP, no fit
- **Redouble** = 10 HCP, no fit, looking for penalty

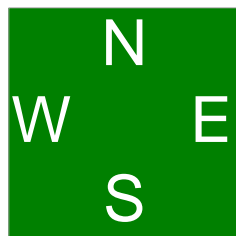


♠ K Q 9 8 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ Q 3 ♣ Q 10 6 5		♠ 10 2 ♥ K Q 6 5 ♦ A J 10 2 ♣ J 4 3	
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Dbl	Rdbl	2 ♦
Pass	Pass	Dbl	All pass

East's redouble shows 10+ HCP with no interest in their partner's suit. South must bid their best suit and West leaves the decision to East, who is happy to double for penalties.



♠ K Q 7 4 3  
 ♥ A 10 2  
 ♦ K 4 3  
 ♣ 8 7



♠ A J 6 5 2  
 ♥ 7 4  
 ♦ 10 9 5  
 ♣ 9 3 2

*West*  
 1 ♠

*North*  
 Dbl

*East*  
 3 ♠

*South*  
 ???

- After West's 1 ♠ opening, East knows that they have a good fit, but has few points. The bid of 3 ♠ cuts out a lot of room for South, who has to make a guess as to what to do.



## Other competitive auctions

- Several other competitive situations can arise.
- For example, *the 4<sup>th</sup> hand may compete* after both members of our side have bid.
- The opponents may make an *artificial overcall*, eg a cue bid of our suit or a 2-suited overcall such as a Michaels cue bid or the unusual No Trump.
- The partnership will need to discuss how to deal with these.



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