



The jump fit

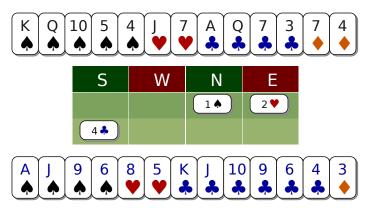
A jump shift by the responder' at level four, after a major opening and the opponent's overcall is a jump fit. This bid requires:

a four-card fit in the partner's major suit,

enough strength to go to game, at least 11HCP

a strong five-card suit with two high honors

Be careful! Don't mistake a splinter for a jump fit. After the opponents' overcall, there can be no splinter...except in the opponents' suit



Exercise E4979 4 clubs is a jump fit.



Exercise E4966 4 diamonds is a jump fit.

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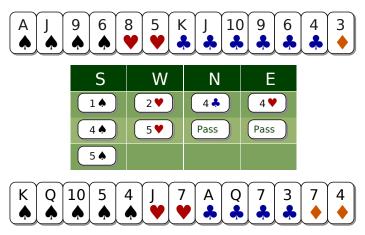


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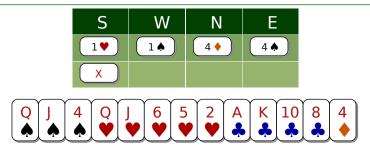
Examples of jump fits

In a competitive auction jump fits can sometimes be the decisive factor which allows you:

- to continue the bidding up to slam
- to punish bold opponents
- to go down in a contract very profitably.



Exercise E4980 4 shows a strong five-card club suit. The opener won't let your opponents win the auction with this splendid double fit in spades and clubs. He knows that the 5 • contract would be made and makes a decidedly profitable sacrificial contract with this excellent double fit



Exercise E6585 Double!You hold the \clubsuit , your Partner the \blacklozenge . The hearts are padlocked. Don't gamble on going to 5 hearts. Instead get rich at no risk. Your opponents will lose heavily and you are by no means certain of making 5 hearts.

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