

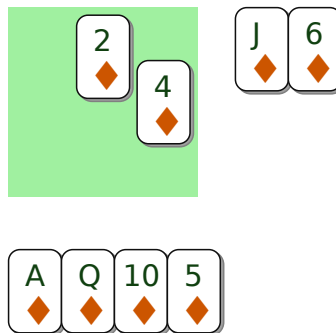


Defending in third position

In the course of play your partner leads a new suit.

- Usually you must play your highest card.
- However, if the lead or dummy plays a master card, you can use this opportunity to indicate the number of cards you hold or else call for a particular suit, according to the situation.

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	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	



Exercise 3878

In third position, when the 2 of diamonds is played and dummy plays the 4, you must take the trick with the ace. Your partner, who attacked with the 2 of diamonds, holds either 3 or 5 cards. The declarer might therefore only have one!



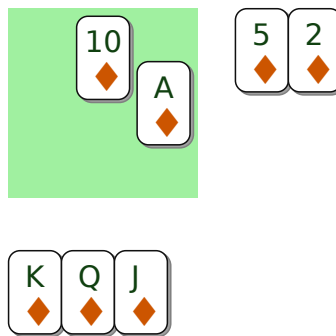
Defending in third position

1st situation: Your partner leads a new suit and dummy takes the trick.

- With a sequence, play the top card of the sequence.
- Otherwise indicate the number of cards you hold using the odd/even system:

-with ace, king or queen plus a low card: play the low card
 -with jack 5: the jack
 -with jack 9 3: the 3
 -with 8 6 5 3: the 6
 -with 9 8 6 5 3: the 3

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Exercise 2146

When dummy is master, play the highest card in a sequence of high cards!



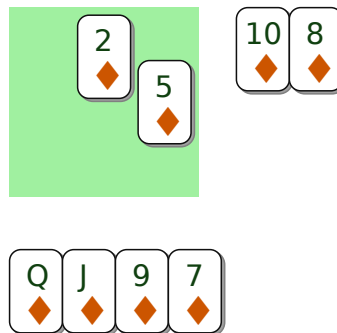
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2nd situation: your partner leads a low card and you can win the trick:

You should always play the highest card. However there are a few exceptions::

- With several equivalent cards, play the lowest useful card.
- If dummy holds two high cards, wait for the second round before taking the trick.

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[Exercise 3879](#)

After your partner's diamond lead, you can win the trick. Take it with the lowest of the equivalent cards

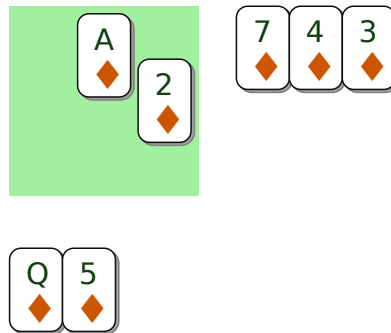


Defending in third position

3rd situation: Your partner leads a high card.

- If it's the ace, show the number of cards you hold.
- If it's the queen, play the ace. Your partner doesn't hold the king but perhaps he has the jack!

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[Exercise 3881](#)

After this ace of diamonds attack, play the 5. Never use the queen to show your doubleton.