



## After an economical 2-suiter and a 1NT 1st response : level 2

### Responder's 2nd bid after a 1NT 1st response bid. Opener's minimum 2-suiter bid for the majors

Opener can have between 11-17HCP., the Responder has 5-10HCP maximum.

- If Responder is minimum in his bid, Game isn't possible. : need to find the best (sometimes the least bad ...) contract.
- Maximum, with 10HCP, the Responder bids 2NT ; he has stoppers in the other 2 suits. Opener signs off in relation to his strength with pass or 3NT.
- Other bids are : support bid of the 2nd suit, preference bid for 1st suit, a new suit or an impossible bid!

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT			

Q	4	10	9	8	A	10	9	8	K	J	10	8
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E5351 Here, Responder is maxi with 10HCP and has stoppers in the minor suits. He invites game by bidding 2NT



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**With less than 10HCP and no fit : Responder knows that Game isn't a possibility. Therefore he's looks for the best part-score contract.**

- Pass of course with 3 cards in Opener's 2nd suit, a singleton in the 1st and less than 10HCP
- Returning to Opener's 1st bid suit this bid means preference for the 1st bid suit and shows 2 cards

Be Careful With only 7 trump cards, choose a 5-2 distribution rather than a 4-3. So in this case, always come back to Opener's 1st bid suit.



S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠			



Problem E5353 2♠, preference bid even with 3 nice cards in the 2nd suit, you need to support bid the 1st bid suit.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
Pass			



Problem E5357 Pass With a singleton in the 1st suit and 3 cards in the 2nd suit.



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**With 10HCP and a fit in the 2nd suit, Responder invites or goes to Game..**

- Responder who has 4 cards in the 2nd suit and 8-9HCP invites Game with a support bid at the 3 level
- With more trump cards and a special distribution Responder jump bids to Game

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♥			



Problem E5355 3♥ With 4 ♥ cards, support bid. If Opener is maximum, he'll bid Game.



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### With special distributions ....

- With 6 or 7 cards in a minor suit don't leave your P on 2♥ ...bid 3♣ or 3♦. In general, Opener will pass understanding it's a misfit. He shouldn't then bid 3NT because communications will often be totally impossible.
- With an exceptional hand making Slam possible, bid a nonsensical bid... This bid won't make sense because of your 1NT 1st bid. eg. 3♠ or 3NT are clearly nonsensical bids promising an enormous support fit in the 2nd suit and Slam possibility.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♦			



Problem E5359 Don't give up on your P with only 6 trump cards on your side.. 3♦ is probably the least bad contract for your team.