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After an opening 1 of a major, the response 2NT is ultra precise :

- 4 cards in the major (and not 2, 4 or 5!)
- 12HCP
- A balanced hand without a 5-card suitThe 2NT response is a convention, and doesn't guarantee any stoppers. It's non-forcing and the opener can pass.



#### Problème E2233

To show a 5-3 heart fit ... and win game.



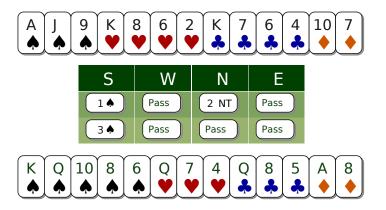


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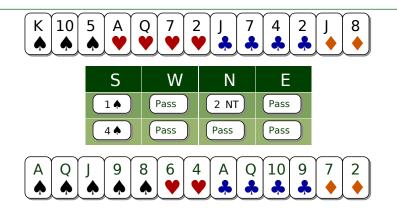
The opener knows the exact strength of his partner.

• With a minimum 12HCP opening, he passes if he's happy to play NT.With a minimum opening he can also conclude at 3 in the major, if he doesn't want to play NT.With a strong opening, he calls game without describing his hand to the opponents!



#### Problème E5768

3 spades With this very ordinary hand, don't go to game. 3 spades is a conclusion.



Problème E5770





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• With game not sure, the opener can ask his partner if he has something good in his second suit (a sort of trial bid in a suit). He bids that suit. With a balanced hand and the honors sprinkled about, the opener can also propose game in NT. He bids 3NT. The partner either accepts the proposal or else bids 4 hearts or 4 spades. With a strong hand, the opener begins the controls or jumps to 4NT if he holds all the controls!



#### Problème E5769

3 clubs A sort of trial bid showing he needs some backup in clubs.