



2NT opening bid

To open 2NT you need:

- 20-21HCP
- and a balanced hand (no 5-card major, void or singleton)

This bid is non forcing: with a very weak hand your partner will pass.

Examples :

S	W	N	E
2 NT			

A	J	6	4	K	7	4	K	6	A	K	Q	10
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem 1811 With 20-21HCP and a balanced hand, a 2NT opening bid takes priority.

S	W	N	E
1 ♣			

5	2	A	3	A	K	J	10	8	A	K	J	9
♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E1820 Even though you have 20HCP, don't open 2NT but 1 ♣. The weak doubleton is too dangerous



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The bidding after a 2NT opening.

The responses are the same as those used after a 1NT opening except that the points needed are less (between 3 and 5HCP).

In particular you can use the Stayman and Texas bid

Pass with fewer than 3 points.

Examples :

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
Pass			

J	6	5	2	J	9	7	5	J	7	8	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4811 - Pass: a much wiser option with these three insignificant points. Don't attach too much importance to lonely jacks.

S	W	N	E
		2 NT	Pass
3 ♣	Pass		

K	10	7	4	9	9	7	6	5	10	7	5	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4612 - With a king heading a 4-card major and a singleton, Stayman is the right bid, but not with any fewer points than this.