



# Blackwood convention and Queen of trump

## Responding to Blackwood 5 Rkc

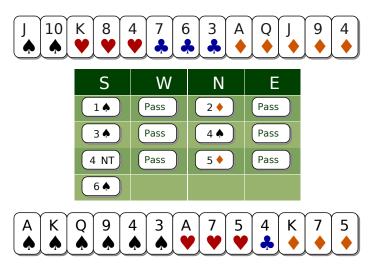
• 5 - with 3 or 0 key(s): that's30 • 5 ♦ with 4 or 1 key(s): that's 41

• 5 ♥ 2 keys without Q trump

• 5 ♠ 2 keys and Q trump

• 5 SA 2 keys and a void

If you are looking for a big slam, or even to ask for a small slam if one key is missing, you may want to ask your partner if he holds Q trump. As you have noticed, you know about Q trump only in case your partner has 2 keys.



Exercise E6282 4 NT = direct Blackwood (no control sequence as S holds them all!). In this case, no problem N has Q trump...

Exercise E9381 The pair has all the keys. How can the responder know if the opener has Q trump?



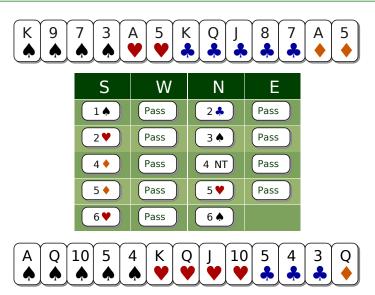


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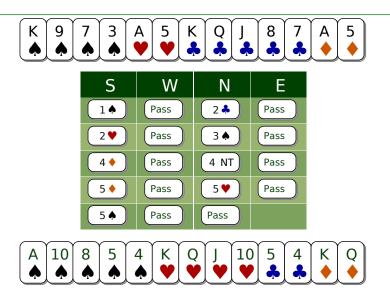
#### How can you ask your partner about Queen trump?

One will use the "collante":

- With a ♥ or ♠ trump : after a 5 ♣ response, using the "collante" is using the suit right above 5 ♦, asking : do you have Q trump?
- With a ♠ trump: After a 5 ♦ response, 5 ♥ is asking : do you have Queentrump ? It is still time to stop before small slam.
- With a ♥ trump After a 5 ♦ response, the question is asked with 5 ♠ (you must skip 5 ♥ which would be a Stop). 5 ♠ : do you have Queen trump. Then you can't stop before small slam. Therefore, you may ask the question if and only if a big slam is possible, meaning holding all keys!



Exercise E9373 After a 5 ♦ response (4 or 1 key), 5 ♥ is asking for Q trump.



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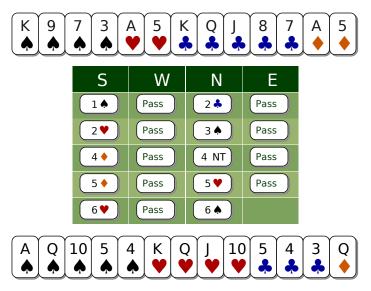




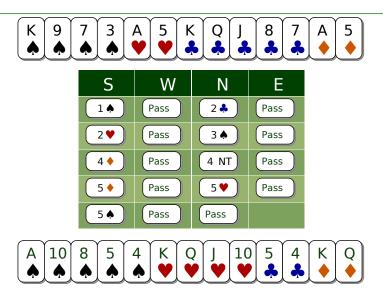
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### How to answer this question?

- He the responder doesn't have Queen trump, he gets back to the lowest level in trump.
- Any other bid is agreeing having Q trump. The responder may use the available steps in order to give informations about his honors



Exercise E9373 6 ♥: I've got Q trump and K ♥.



Exercise E9374 5 ♠: I don't have the Q (back to the lowest level in trump).