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In tennis, a lob requires sending a ball above and behind the Opp. In bridge, the Lob Play forces the Opp to duck a trick. In a suit contract, it requires playing in a secondary suit towards an honor in Declarer's hand. If the Opp trumps you play a low card, if he doesn't you play your honor. If Opp trumps, its with his values and your eliminate a loser in the secondary suit.

Example : You are the Declarer in South, playing a 3 ♥ contract and can only afford to lose 4 tricks. You can't avoid losing 2 ♣ and 1 ♠ and 1 trump tricks. How can you avoid losing a trick in ♦ ?

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

South (Declarer)

Q	9	2
4	♠	♠
A	K	Q
J	10	8
♦	♦	♦

North (Dummy)

A	J	5	4
7	3	2	♠
9	8	7	
Q	5	4	
♦	♦	♦	

West

K	10	7	6
J	10	9	8
5	4	2	♥
9	6		
♦	♦		

East

8	3
A	K
6	3
A	K
♦	♦

Exercise 4609 After 2 rounds of trump, play A,Q ♦, then small ♦ from the Dummy towards the King in your hand. If East trumps, you then play a low losing ♦. If East doesn't trump, you play K ♦ and get your 9th trick !