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The major difficulty of a 3 level support bid is determining:

- if they are forcing and with slam hopes
- if Game invitational
- of even if they are pre-empts and need to stop at the 3 level

Two major rules of support bids are :

- Rule 1 : after a 2/1 suit shift all support bids at the 3 level indicate Slam possibility and are 100% forcing
- Rule 2 : after Responder's 1♠ bid, all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid

S	W	N	E
		1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠			

K♠	10♠	9♠	5♠	4♠	K♥	Q♥	5♥	A♣	K♣	Q♣	6♣	10♦
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Problem 20152 After a 2/1 suit shift all support bids at the 3 level indicate Slam possibility and are 100% forcing

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

A♠	9♠	5♠	4♠	K♥	Q♥	10♥	9♥	A♣	K♣	Q♣	6♣	10♦
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After a 2/1 suit shift

all support bids at the 3 level

- indicate slam possibility
- these bids are 100% forcing

The major support can be bid on the 1st or 2nd round of bidding.

Generally all bids that follow are control bids or a 4NT to see if all controls are present

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



Problem 20153 3♥ Support bid with Slam possibility

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



Problem 20154 3♥, support bid at the 3 level (no jump) of Opener's 2nd suit is also a possible Slam bid.



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After Responder's 1♠ bid on a 1♥ opening all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid

This rule applies on Opener's 1NT, 2♣ or 2♦ rebids. If Opener repeats his ♥ ... this is an exception! (there are always exceptions to the rules)

Only exception to Rule 2 : If Opener rebids his hearts after Responder's 1♠ bid, a support bid at the 3 level is Game proposal but very often with only a 2 card fit

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



Problem 20155 After Responder's 1♠ bid on Opener's 1♥ bid all support bids at the 3 level are forcing and are much stronger than a 4♥ jump bid

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



Problem 20158 Here the 3♥ support bid isn't forcing. Opener has now shown 6 cards, Responder has bid minimum support. It's up to the Opener to decide...



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Support bids at the 3 level are possible Game invitation

These support bids are non-forcing and are Game invitation : it's up to the Opener to decide

- Direct support bid : 1♥ - 3♥ shows a 4 cards fit and approx 9HCP
- Support bids of 6 card major after
 - 1♠ and 10-11HCP
 - 1♥ and 10-11HCP
 and very often a 2nd card support fit
- Support bid of the major bid at the 1 level but on the 2nd bidding round : 4 cards fit and approx 10-11HCP
- 3♥ support bid after a 1NT responding bid on a 1♠ opening

S	W	N	E
		1♥	Pass
3♥			



Problem 20159 Minimum Game invitation with less than 11HCP. Opener needs a 2nd zone hand to accept.

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



Problem E 20162 3♠ Game invitation