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A 2NT response is asking for information. It shows an interesting hand with a minimum of 15 HCP. Of course, it's a forcing bid. It is used in case the responder is thinking of :

- Either a game.
- Or a slam.

Many players tend to respond 2 NT without any strategy or any good reason. Doing so, they give important information to their opponents....is this necessary ?

S	W	N	E
		2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

J	9	2	A	Q	3	5	3	A	K	Q	6	3
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise 20225 4 ♠ Don't hesitate, go to game. You've got 4 tricks, your partner 5....It is reasonable to think you'll get 10 at the end !

S	W	N	E
		2 ♠	Pass
2 NT			

9	2	J	10	A	Q	J	5	4	A	K	3	2
♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise 20228 2 NT. You must get more information, as you've got only 3 sure tricks.



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### The 2NT relay response may be used with slam ambitions

With a strong hand and slam ambitions, the responder can use the 2NT relay response.

S	W	N	E
		2♥	Pass
2 NT			



Exercise 20231 2NT Why not a slam with this interesting hand ? Ask the opener to give more information about his strength.



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### The weak 2 opener's rebid after a 2NT relay.

- Minimum : the opener repeats the suit at level 3
- With a decent opening : the opener names a high side honor at level 3 ( Ace or K)
- With a decent hand and a singleton or a void : the opener names it at level 4. This response denies a side high honor.
- With a strong 6 carder led by the Ace, without any side honor or a singleton : the opener bids 3NT

When the opener names a strength, the auction sequence is game forcing.

S	W	N	E
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥			

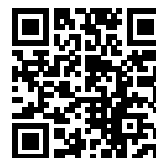


Exercise 20235 3♥ Now the sequence is game forcing (the opener has named a strength)

S	W	N	E
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣			



Exercise 20236 The opener has shown a ♣ singleton (or void). The responder will close to game or continue with slam ambitions.



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### The responder's rebid after the opener's encouraging bid

After the opener's positive rebid, a level 3 support is very positive, and forcing. The responder is showing slam ambitions.

S	W	N	E
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♣			



Exercise 20240 The responder has made a support bid at level 3 (3♥). Now, the opener shows his short ♣ (He can't hold 2 honors beside his 6 carder).

S	W	N	E
2 ♥	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♥			



Exercise 20238 Pay attention ! 4♥ shows a short ♠ suit...A 4♠ bid would prevent the declarer to play 4♥, indeed !