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This convention is used by a player holding a void and willing to know how many Aces are in the line apart from the void.

Exclusive Blackwood is made by a surprising jump in the void. This is always surprising for the partner, and this one can't get confused with a Splinter, a control or any other bid..

Now the partner is going to respond, naming his Aces, or his keys if a suit has been previously agreed as trump.

For instance, after a raise bid, a jump in a suit other than the trump one, and going above game level is an exclusive Blackwood.

A	K	3	2	6	4	4	3	J	10	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦
S	W	N	E									
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass									
5 ♦												
Q	J	8	7	6	5	4	A	K	Q	10	K	Q
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣

Exercise E9325 After the ♠ raise, 5 ♦ is quite surprising !It's an exclusive Blackwood. The partner shall announce his keys.... apart from ♦.



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Responding to an exclusive Blackwood

The partner shall announce his keys, or his Aces, but WITHOUT COUNTING ♦. You can use any system afterwards : 30-41, or 0 1 2 3.

- suit right above : 3 or 0
- 2 levels above = 1 or 4
- 3 levels above = 2

The second system might be easier... you and your partner choose.

- suit right above = 0
- 2 levels above = 1
- 3 levels above = 2

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 NT			

A	K	7	6	8	6	7	5	J	10	7	6	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E9326 Response to a 5 ♦ exclusive Blackwood : 3 levels above... 2 keys.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
5 ♠			

K	10	7	6	8	6	7	5	A	J	10	7	6
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E9327 5 ♠ Trump has been agreed previously. In this case, 1 key only (K ♠) as Ace ♦ must be excluded.