



Wake-up on a 1 in a suit opening, at level 1

A player is in a wake-up position when, last to bid after an opening by the opps, a Pass on his part would set the final contract. This memo only covers direct wake-ups, ie after an opening bid and 2 passes.

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
X			



Exercise E20458 In South, after 2 "passes" You are in a wake-up position

S	W	N	E
	Pass	Pass	Pass
1 ♠			



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Do not confuse wake-up bids and opening in 4th seat...



The different direct wake-up bids

- Bidding a suit without a jump shows 8-13HD with, normally 5 cards in that suit
- Bidding a suit with a jump shows 11-13HD and 6 good cards.
- 1 NT shows 10-13HD, a regular hand and, in principle, a stopper in the opps suit
- 2 NT shows 17-19 HD, a regular hand and a stopper in the opps suit
- Double is used with
 - either 8+HCP in a 3-suiter hand, (short in the opps suit)
 - or opening values with no other bid possible

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
1 ♠			

K	10	7	6	3	8	J	9	7	2	A	6	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E20458 An obvious wake-up. Limited, in general to 13HD

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	Pass	Pass
1 NT			

7	2	K	J	9	4	A	9	6	K	9	7	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E20457 1NT, you have a ♦ stopper, a regular hand and the strength to wake-up with 1NT (10-13HD)



Further bidding after a wake-up at level 1

- After a wake-up in a suit
 - Suit changes are forcing and promise:
 - 4 cards and 8HL at level 1
 - 5 cards and 12HD at higher levels
 - NT bids
 - 1 NT with 8-12HD
 - 2 NT jump, with 13-14HD
 - Support bids :
 - Simple : 8-12HD
 - Jump support : with unbalanced distributions
 - Cue-bid
 - At least 13HD and support in the wake-up suit
 - or at least 13HD without a better bid
 - After a take-out double, the "doubler" owes his partner a bid if he has a 'decent' hand (12-13HD). L.

A	Q	9	8	7	6	6	4	8	5	K	6	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
			1 ♥
Pass	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

10	4	7	5	3	2	A	K	J	7	A	Q	5
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Exercise 20635 In this fairly regular hand, Simple support which is an invite to game which your partner will only accept if he is maximum.



Example

K	10	9	8	4	K	9	8	J	6	5	K	J
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦
S				W		N		E				
								1 ♥				
Pass				Pass		1 ♠		Pass				
2 ♥				Pass		2 NT		Pass				
4 ♠												
A	7	6	2	A	5	4	Q	8	2	A	7	3
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Your hand is too strong for a direct support. Cue-bid to get to know more !