



The opps raise the bids with a 'higher' suit

2nd bid by opener after opps raised the bids with a 'higher' suit

In a bidding contest, If the opps have the higher suit, It is important to describe your hand and allow your partner to make the right choice between continuing the bidding, doubling for penalty or passing.

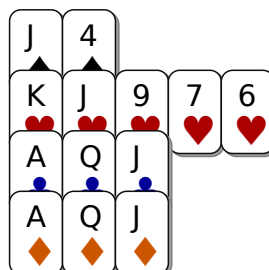
- Pass: Nothing to say
- Double : Shortness in the opps' suit
- 3 NT : Strong hand with defensive tricks
- Suit change: Two suiter
- 4 ♥ : to play them (sif your camp's suit is ♥, of course...)

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
4 ♣			



Exercise 20654 4♣ Do not miss the opportunity to tell your partner about your nice second suit. If the opps raise to 4 ♠ Will be in a much better position to decide what to bid (pass, 5 ♥, or double)

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	1 ♠	3 ♥	3 ♠
3 NT			



Exercise 20656 3SA that shows you have a strong hand with solid defensive tricks. Do not bids 4 ♥ with such a nice hand.



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In the sequence 1♥ 1♠ 3♥ 3♠ Zia advises that the opener should use the following bids to describe his hand :

- Pass : With an ordinary opening and distribution
- Double : with defensive tricks and a shortness in ♠. (Equivalent to a take-out double... not punitive!!)
- 3NT : Strong hand with a regular distribution
- 4♣ or 4♦ : Strong 2-suiter
- 4♥ : Nice opening, usually with 6 cards in ♥♥

After the opps bid 4♠ the responder will then be in a much better position to know what to do (5♥, double or pass)

S	W	N	E
1♥	1♠	3♥	3♠
X			



Exercise 20655 Double... and definitely not 4♥. You'll show your partner your shortness in the opps' suit, defensive tricks and a solid ♥. It will be much easier for your partner to decide what to do after the opps bid 4♠.

S	W	N	E
1♥	1♠	3♥	3♠
4♥			



Exercise 20653 4♥ that shows a 'normal' Opening bid, losers in ♠, no second suit, but a ♥ longer than promised so far.



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[Exercise 20656](#)

3NT That shows your HCP rich hand and your solid defensive tricks. Do not bid 4♥ with such a hand.

[Exercise 20693](#)

Your opening has nothing special : most balanced shape you can have with a 5 cards major, only 11 useful HCP (the Queen of ♠ can be discounted). Your well informed partner will make the right call...
