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You have opened with a 1st level bid in a suit, the Opp on your right has overcalled, your P has passed and you are now in a wake-up bid position.

On the 2nd bidding round, don't bid unless you really have something to say, e.g. :

- · a strong hand
- or a very interesting distribution

With an uninspiring hand, pass!



Problem E20312 Pass! Beware of the danger of a 2 ♥ wake-up bid. Your majors aren't good enough to justify continuing the bidding by yourself.





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Opener's possible wake-up bids:

- Rebidding the opening suit, normally guarantees a very strong suit and in most cases a 6 carder
- With a strong hand and short in Opp's suit, prefer doubling
- With 18-19HCP, a regular hand and stoppers in Opp's suit: bid 1NT or 2NT depending on the level of bidding (don't jump!)



Problem E20344 4♠ and nothing less! You have a very good shot at game with ♠ as trump... not with ♦ as trump



Problem E20342 The best bid is a wake-up double and this should be systematic with a 3 suiter (and,of course, void or singleton in Opp's suit)



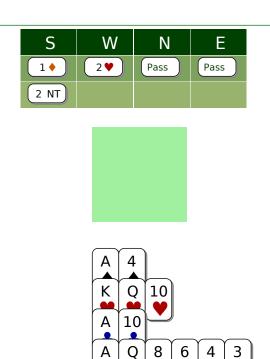


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Opener's wake-up bid after Opp's overcall: examples



Problem E20343 3 ♦. This jump bid describes a partiularly strong 5-5 2 suiter. A 2 ♦ rebid doesn't accurately describe the strength of your hand.



Problem E20351 2NT shows a 3rd zone (18-19HCP) regular hand. With this double ♥ stopper this bid is preferable to a rebid of your suit : 3♦ (Your 6 carder is nothing special and you have a regular distribution)