



Voluntary responses to the takeout double

Your Partner who has just doubled can have from 12 to more than 20 HCP.

The Responder having bid ... you only reply to the double if you have something to say!

Bid your best suit at the lowest level with 5-7HCP

With a stronger hand, bid with a single or double jump to show length

Without a 4-card major and with stoppers in the Opener's suit bid 2NT or 3NT

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	X	2 ♣
Pass			

10 ♠	9 ♠	7 ♠	10 ♥	9 ♥	7 ♥	6 ♥	Q ♣	4 ♣	3 ♣	Q ♦	9 ♦	6 ♦
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Problem E4877 Don't risk a bid with only 4HCP totally ineffective

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	X	Pass
1 ♥			

7 ♠	4 ♠	10 ♥	8 ♥	6 ♥	2 ♥	Q ♣	J ♣	8 ♣	6 ♣	4 ♣	10 ♦	4 ♦
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Problem E4869 You have to bid. Here, you bid your 4-card major at the one level



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A voluntary response with a suit

With less than 5HCP, you pass

With 5-7HCP, give your suit at the lowest level

With 8-10HCP /

- with a 5-card major, JUMP in that suit
- with 4 cards in both majors, redouble
- with 5 cards in both majors, cue bid the opener's suit with a stopper in the opener's suit and no 4-card major, 2NT

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S	W	N	E
	1 ♣	X	2 ♣
2 ♥			

J	10	7	Q	J	9	7	4	7	4	J	10	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E1017 Minimum response with this weak hand

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	X	2 ♦
3 ♥			

J	4	A	J	10	8	6	K	10	9	4	7	4
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Problem E1020 A response to a takeout double with jump shows: a 4-card suit and 8-10HCP. It's up to the Partner to decide.



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Voluntary responses to the takeout double with 11HCP or more:

with 4 or 5 cards in a major, go to game
with a stopper in the opener's suit, bid 2NT
with 13HCP and a stopper in the opener's suit, bid 3NT
without a natural bid, cue bid the opener's suit

S	W	N	E
	1 ♦	X	1 ♠
4 ♥			



Problem E4878 Bid game with more than 11HCP and 5 trumps



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Be Careful !

A takeout double leads to changes in bidding

- A change of suit by the Responder at the one level remains forcing.
- A change of suit by the responder at the two level is no longer forcing.
- The opener's double is no longer a sputnik but punitive

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	X	XX	2 ♦
X			

A ♠	J ♠	8 ♠	5 ♠	3 ♠	5 ♥	4 ♥	K ♣	A ♦	J ♦	8 ♦	6 ♦	2 ♦
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Exercise E9440

The Opener's double is punitive.