

COMPETITIVE BIDDING QUIZ

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- 1) **Partner** (Opp) **You** **1) Your hand** **1) Your bid.**
1♣ (1♦) ?? ♠ KQT9 Pass?
♥ Q952 1♥?
♦ 83 1♠?
♣ QJ2 Other?
- 2) **Partner** (Opp) **You** (Opp) **2) Your hand** **2) Your bid.**
1♥ (1♠) 1♦ (P) ♠ 7 Pass?
♥ A94 1NT?
♦ AJT94 2♣?
♣ A864 2♦?
2♥?
Other?
- 3) **Partner** (Opp) **You** (Opp) **3) Your hand** **3) Your bid.**
1♦ (1♠) 1♣ (P) ♠ 3 Pass?
♥ QJ87 2♣?
♦ J86 2♦?
♣ AKQT9 2♥?
Other?
- 4) **Partner** (Opp) **You** (Opp) **4) Your hand** **4) Your bid.**
1♣ (1♠) 2♦ (P) ♠ 432 Pass?
3♣ (P) ?? ♥ A98 3NT?
♦ AKQ65 4♣?
♣ J7 4♦?
Other?
- 5) **Partner** (Opp) **You** (Opp) **5) Your hand** **5) Your bid.**
1♥ (1♠) 1♦ (P) ♠ 753 Pass?
♥ J5 1NT
♦ AKQ98 2♣?
♣ AKQ 2♦?
2NT?
3♦?
Other?

“Asking for a Stopper” Game Forcing Cue Bid

When the opposition have already bid in your auction and you are considering going into No-Trumps, you need at least one winner (or **stopper**) in *their suit*. Note that you don't need a stopper in every suit.

After the second round of the bidding, if you decide that we probably want to be in No-Trumps, *but you don't have a stopper in the opponent's suit*, then you can **bid their suit**.
A Game Forcing 'Cue Bid'.

Bidding the opposition's suit forces our team to game, it says that we haven't found a fit, and it asks partner for a stopper in their suit.

If partner **DOES HAVE** a stopper in their suit (don't worry about the other suits) then she will bid No-Trumps. If partner **DOES NOT** have a stopper in their suit, then she will bid anything else, other than No-Trumps, and we will continue looking for game elsewhere. **Note that you cannot pass the Cue Bid.**

You can only Ask for a stopper if you know that you have a game going hand.

Negative Doubles

A **Negative Double** is a Takeout Double made by the Responder.

Useful Bidding Tip:

Responding a Major suit at the two-level shows a five+ card suit, *and*, 10+ points.

Negative Doubles:

Negative Double show:

Four cards in each unbid Major.

And Responding points or more.

6+ at the one-level

8+ at the two-level

10+ at the three-level

A Negative Double usually shows a hand that wants to bid, but not enough cards or not enough points to bid.

Power Doubles

18+ points as Overcaller

With **18+ points**, either balanced or not, you are **too strong** to make a normal bid. You should **Double first**, *even if you have the wrong shape for a Double*, and **then overcall**.

If you Double, you will always get a second bid, since either your opponent will bid, or your partner must respond to the Double.

Double then overcall a suit shows 18+ and five+ cards.

Double then No-Trumps shows a balanced hand of 19+ points.

Using Support Doubles.

Support Doubles are an excellent tool for finding fits in low-level competitive auctions.

Using Support Doubles, the answer is to Double to show precisely three cards support for Responder's Major.

When do Support Doubles apply?

After Responder bids a Major at the one-level, and there is a suit overcall below 2-of-Responder's-suit.

What do Support Doubles show?

The Double shows **any hand** that has exactly three cards support for Responder.

If you raise partner's suit directly it promises four-card support.

Any other bid denies three- or four-card support for Responder's suit.

Tip: We don't use Support Doubles of a 1NT intervention. All Doubles of No-Trumps are for Penalties.

Answers:

- 1) Negative Double.
- 2) Takeout Double
- 3) Takeout or Support Double
- 4) 3♠. GF Cue bid
- 5) 2♠) GF Cue bid

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