

Inferences

Clues from Partner's Lead

- If partner holds a touching sequence in a suit (e.g. ♠KQJ10x), they will generally lead the top card of that sequence to promote winners
- When they don't lead their suit, it may be that they hold a broken sequence (e.g. ♠AQ1074), and don't want to lead it until they know where the other honours are, or...
- They may need to see what's in dummy, or...
- They may need you to lead their suit, through declarer's hand
- If partner doesn't lead the suit they preempt in, it's usually because they hold a singleton in the suit they do choose to lead
- Partner will tend to lead their best suit, even if they didn't make a bid
- The most popular lead is A from AK any time that person is on lead
- KQ in an unseen suit is a popular lead too, as it will promote a trick later
- So, when partner leads another suit, and dummy comes down with, say, three little cards in that suit, assume partner doesn't have the two top honours (AK)
- Either the top two honours (AK) in that suit will be divided or declarer will hold them both

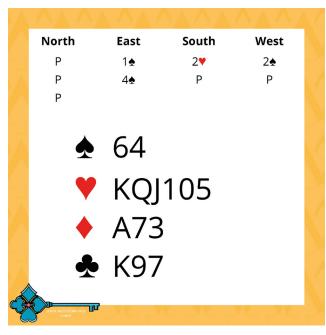
Clues for Declarer from the Opening Lead

- In no trumps, the lead of a two (deuce) will show a lot about the shape of the defender's hand
- · One can assume that if they held a five-card suit they would have preferred to lead that suit
- So, they probably won't have a suit of five or six cards
- Their shape is likely to be balanced if their longest suit is four cards
- When declarer is playing their own suit, expect this suit to divide evenly because the defenders haven't shown extreme length in any suits

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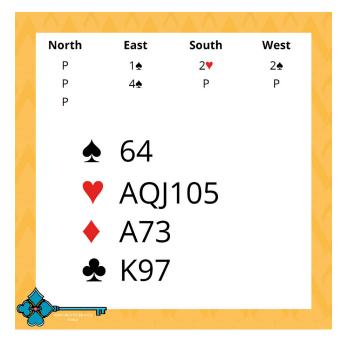
Question 1



You're sitting South and on lead against 4♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **♥**K
- b) **♦**A
- c) 🗫 7

Question 2



You're sitting South and on lead against 4♠. What lead do you make?

- a) 🗸
- b) **♥**Q
- c) 🗫 7

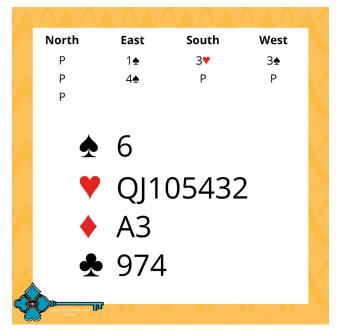
Question 3



You're sitting South and on lead against 4♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **∀**K
- b) **♥**J
- c) ****A

Question 4

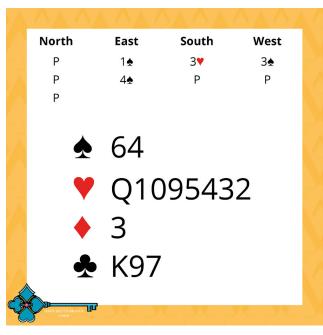


You're sitting South and on lead against 4♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **♥**Q
- b) **♦**A
- c) 🛧6



Question 5



You're sitting South and on lead against 4♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **♥**Q
- b) **♦**3
- c) **V**10

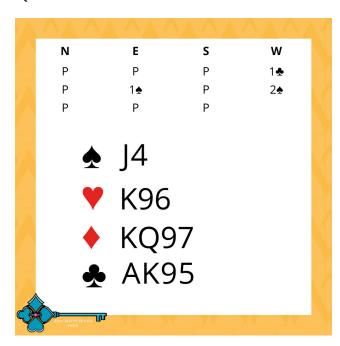
Question 6



You're sitting South and on lead against 2♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **Y**A
- b) **♦**J
- c) 🔩 10

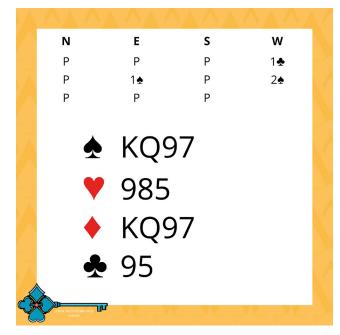
Question 7



You're sitting South and on lead against 2♠. What lead do you make?

- a) 🗫 A
- b) **♥**6
- c) **♠**J

Question 8



You're sitting South and on lead against 2♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **♠**J
- b) **♦**K
- c) ♣9



Question 9



You're sitting South and on lead against 2♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **♦**K
- b) **♠**A
- c) **♥**K

Question 10



You're sitting South and on lead against 2♠. What lead do you make?

- a) **Y**A
- b) **♦**8
- c) 뢒 9

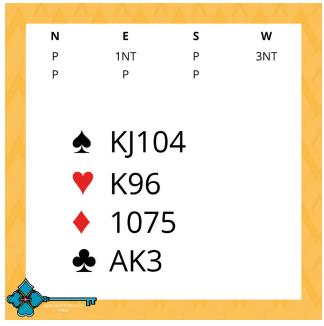
Question 11



You're sitting South, what would you lead against 3NT with this hand?

- a) **♥**A
- b) **♥**2
- c) 🔰

Question 12



You're sitting South, what would you lead against 3NT with this hand?

- a) **4**4
- b) **★**K
- c) 쇠



Inferences Quiz Answers

- 1. a) ♥K. You have a good sequence, so lead the top card.
- 2. c) ♣7. Your heart sequence is not solid, so try the ♣7
- 3. c) ♦A. Your heart sequence is not solid, so try the ♦A
- 4. a) ♥Q. You have a good sequence, so lead the top card.
- 5. b) \diamond 3. Your hear sequence is not solid, so try your singleton \diamond 3.
- 6. a) ♥A. Partner will know you have the ♥K when you lead the ♥A
- 7. b) □6. Although you hold the ♣AK, don't lead that because it's a suit bid by the opponents.
- 8. b) ♦K. Better to lead the ♦K than the ♠K because diamonds have not been bid by the opponents.
- 9. c) ♥K. Tell partner you hold the ♥KQ when you lead the top of that sequence.
- 10. b) ♦8. Lead your long suit when you hold four trumps
- 11. b) ♥2. Lead with the fourth highest of your longest and strongest suit, hearts. You have four cards in the suit.
- 12. c) Go with the top of the interior spade sequence (♠J10 = interior sequence)