

# ASSIGNMENT

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## READING

1. Read the *Week 1* handouts titled *Language and Mechanics, Introduction to Bidding* and *Opening Bids*. Bring your questions about this material to next week's class.
2. Read the *Week 2* handout titled *No Trump Contracts - Part 1*. Bring your questions about this material to next week's class.

## EXERCISES

1. **The contract for a hand is "4 Spades by East".**
  - a. How many combined points should the East-West partnership have to bid this contract?
  - b. How many tricks must the declarer take to make the contract?
  - c. How many tricks must the defenders take to defeat the contract?
  - d. Which seat will be the declarer.
  - e. Which seat will be the dummy?
  - f. Which seat will make the opening lead?

2. **Consider the bids and hand shown to the right:**

- a. How many declarer points do you (South) hold?
- b. Why did you open the bidding with 1♥?
- c. What is the contract for this hand?
- d. Who is the declarer?
- e. Which seat will be the dummy?
- f. Which seat will make the opening lead?
- g. How many tricks must declarer take to make the contract?
- h. Suppose declarer actually takes ten tricks. How many trick points and how many bonus points will declarer's partnership earn?

East	South	West	North
Pass	1♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

  

SOUTH - YOU
♠ A 9 2
♥ K Q J 8 6
♦ K T 9
♣ J 4

3. **Study the following hands for an East-West partnership:**

WEST
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♠ K Q 5  
♥ K J T  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ 8 7 5

EAST
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♠ T 9 8  
♥ A 9 6  
♦ A K 3  
♣ K Q 9 4

- a. How many HCPs does West hold?
- b. How many HCPs does East hold?
- c. How many HCPs does the North-South partnership hold?

- d. Does the East-West partnership have enough combined HCPs to try to bid a game?
- e. Suppose East is the dealer. What should East bid?
- f. Does the East-West partnership have a combined eight card trump fit? If so, which suit?
- g. How many Spades are in the combined hands of the North-South partnership?

**4. Evaluate the strength and shape for each of the following hands:**

What is your opening bid for each hand?

<p>a.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ K 6 ♥ K T 7 3 2 ♦ A Q 6 5 ♣ J 2</p>	<p>b.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ A K 9 ♥ Q T 6 ♦ K 6 5 2 ♣ Q 8 7</p>	<p>c.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ A Q T ♥ J 6 4 3 ♦ A J 7 ♣ K 6 2</p>	<p>d.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ J 8 3 ♥ J T 2 ♦ 7 6 5 4 ♣ A K 5</p>
<p>e.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ Q T 4 3 ♥ K J 7 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ A 4 3</p>	<p>f.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ Q 2 ♥ A K T 8 7 4 ♦ Q 9 ♣ A J 2</p>	<p>g.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ A T 7 6 5 ♥ A Q 9 6 4 ♦ 8 ♣ K Q</p>	<p>h.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px; text-align: center;">SOUTH - YOU</div> <p>♠ A T ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ A T 8 ♣ A J T 5 3</p>

**5. Suppose that your partner opens the bidding with 1♠.**

Describe your partner's hand.

**6. Suppose that your partner opens the bidding with 1♦.**

Describe your partner's hand.

**7. Your partner opened the bidding with 1♥ and you hold the hand at the right:**

- a. Describe your partner's hand.
- b. Does your partnership have enough points to try for a game bonus?
- c. Does your partnership have an eight card trump fit? If so, which suit?

SOUTH - YOU

♠ 8 7  
♥ J 5 2  
♦ Q T 7 5  
♣ A Q 3 2

**8. Your partner opened the bidding with 1NT and you hold the hand at the right:**

- a. Describe your partner's hand.
- b. Does your partnership have enough points to try for a game bonus?
- c. Does your partnership have an eight card trump fit? If so, which suit?

SOUTH - YOU

♠ A Q 6 5 3 2  
♥ K T  
♦ 7 6  
♣ J 8 6