

BIDDING CONVERSATIONS - WEEK 1

ASSIGNMENT

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READING

1. Read the *Week 1* handout titled *Introduction and Basic Bidding Review*. Bring your questions about this material to next week's class.
2. Read the *Week 2* handout titled *Responding to One of a Suit Opening Bids*. Bring your questions about this material to next week's class.

EXERCISES

1. **Translate this English bidding conversation into bridge bidding language.**

South is the dealer. East and West always pass.

- **South:** I have 13-21 declarer points, at least five hearts, and less than five spades.
- **North:** I have at least 10 dummy points and at least four diamonds. I am forcing you to tell me more about your hand.
- **South:** My hand is limited to 13-16 declarer points, exactly five hearts, and less than four diamonds. You must decide if we should continue bidding.
- **North:** I have three hearts to make an eight-card heart fit and enough points to believe we might be able to make a game.

2. **Translate this English bidding conversation into bridge bidding language.**

East is the dealer. East and West always pass.

- **South:** I have 15-17 high card points and a balanced hand with stoppers in at least three suits.
- **North:** I do not have a four card or longer major and only have 8-9 high card points. I invite you to decide if we should try for a game.
- **South:** I do not think we have enough strength to make a game.

3. **Translate this English bidding conversation into bridge bidding language.**

South is the dealer. East and West are vulnerable.

- **South:** I have 13-21 declarer points and at least five spades.
- **West:** I have at least 11 declarer points and at least five diamonds with several honors.
- **North:** My hand is limited to 6-9 dummy points with at least three spades.
- **East:** I can not support your diamonds and do not have enough points to try another suit.
- **South:** I have extra points but not quite enough to bid a game. You should bid the game if you are at the upper end of your point range.
- **West:** I do not see how we can stop opponents from winning the contract.
- **North:** My hand is too weak to risk a game bid.

4. Translate each of these North-South bidding conversations into English.

a)			
South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

b)			
North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

c)			
East	South	West	North
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5. Consider the following bidding auction. What is your opening bid?

BIDDING AUCTION

East	South	West	North
Pass	??		

a)
♠ K 8 6
♥ 9 6
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ A K J 9

b)
♠ J 8 6
♥ K Q 9 4
♦ A J 9
♣ Q 8 7

c)
♠ 9 7 4 3 2
♥ A 5
♦ K Q J
♣ K 6 3

6. Consider the following bidding auction. What is your opening bid for each hand? Would you open the hand in first or second seat?

BIDDING AUCTION

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	??	

a)
♠ A J T 5 2
♥ T 6 5
♦ A Q 7
♣ 6 3

b)
♠ T 6 2
♥ K J 7 5 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ 8 3

c)
♠ T 6 2
♥ K 9 7 5 2
♦ A Q 5
♣ 8 3

7. Consider the following bidding auction. What is your opening bid for each hand? Would you open the hand in first or second seat? In third seat?

BIDDING AUCTION

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	??

a)
♠ Q 9 4
♥ A K T 8 3
♦ Q 6 2
♣ 7 6

b)
♠ A K J T 8
♥ 9 8 4
♦ Q 6 2
♣ 7 6

c)
♠ Q 6 2
♥ K 9 8
♦ A K J T 8
♣ 7 6

8. Consider the following bidding auction. Describe your partner's hand. What is your response for each hand?

BIDDING AUCTION

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	??	

a)
♠ A Q T
♥ K 8 7
♦ J 8 6 2
♣ J 7 5

b)
♠ A Q
♥ 8 7 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ J 7 6 5 4

c)
♠ A 9 3
♥ A 8
♦ Q 7 4 2
♣ K J 7 5

9. Consider the following bidding auction. Describe your partner's hand. Why did you open each hand 1♦? What is your rebid for each hand?

BIDDING AUCTION

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
??			

a)
♠ K 9 5
♥ J 9
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ A 6 5 3

b)
♠ Q 5
♥ J 9
♦ A 6 4 3 2
♣ A K 6 5

c)
♠ K Q 5
♥ J 9
♦ A Q 6 3
♣ A K 6 5

10. Consider the following bidding auction. Describe your partner's hand. What is your rebid for each hand?

BIDDING AUCTION

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

a)
♠ A 5
♥ K Q 9 8 7
♦ A 9 8 2
♣ A 4

b)
♠ T 7 3
♥ A K J 6 3
♦ K 9 5
♣ K 9

c)
♠ A J
♥ A Q 8 7 5
♦ A 8 7 2
♣ A 8

11. a) Describe your partner's hand.
b) What is your rebid?

♠ K J T 9 5	South	West	North	East
♥ A Q	1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
♦ K J 8 3	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
♣ 5 2	??			

12. a) Describe your partner's hand.
b) Who is the bidding captain?
c) What is your rebid?

♠ Q 5 3	West	North	East	South
♥ A K 7	Pass	1♦	Pass	2♣
♦ 7 5 3	Pass	2♠	Pass	??
♣ K Q T 8				

13. a) Why did you respond 1♥?
 b) Describe your partner's hand.
 c) What is your rebid?

	North	East	South	West
♠ T 9 3 2				
♥ A J 4 3	1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
♦ K 6	1♠	Pass	??	
♣ A Q 3				

14. a) Describe your partner's hand.
 b) What is your rebid?

	West	North	East	South
♠ Q T 3				
♥ K 8 7 5	Pass	1♦	Pass	1♥
♦ 8 7 6	Pass	1♠	Pass	??
♣ A K 8				

15. a) Describe your partner's hand.
 b) What is your rebid?

	South	West	North	East
♠ A K T 3 2				
♥ 6 4	1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
♦ A K 7 2	3♦	Pass	3♠	Pass
♣ 8 3	??			