

## Part 12: Bidding exercise for you and your partner

Try bidding these hands with your partner. East and West hands are shown on this page; suggested bidding is shown on the next page. Bids that should be alerted are shown in ***bold italics***. Assume that the opponents are silent, and assume that you're using Standard American and structured reverses.

**East hands (dealer)**

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| 1. S: 109765<br>H: K9<br>D: Q865<br>C: A7 | 2. S: AKQ<br>H: 8<br>D: QJ87<br>C: KQ986   | 3. S: K10987<br>H: 965<br>D: K2<br>C: J86   | 4. S: Q973<br>H: K82<br>D: 973<br>C: Q97 |
| 5. S: Q74<br>H: K53<br>D: AQ85<br>C: K85  | 6. S: AJ98<br>H: 862<br>D: Q1083<br>C: 105 | 7. S: 10<br>H: AK105<br>D: KQ6<br>C: KQ1042 | 8. S: K8653<br>H: 63<br>D: K9<br>C: AQ97 |

**West hands**

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| 1. S: QJ8<br>H: AJ74<br>D: AKJ43<br>C: 9   | 2. S: J5<br>H: J10953<br>D: A952<br>C: A3 | 3. S: 2<br>H: KQJ10<br>D: AQJ543<br>C: K3 | 4. S: AK<br>H: Q543<br>D: AKJ1082<br>C: 5 |
| 5. S: AK108<br>H: A10974<br>D: K76<br>C: 7 | 6. S: 2<br>H: AJ4<br>D: AKJ2<br>C: KJ764  | 7. S: KQ96<br>H: Q86<br>D: J1054<br>C: A3 | 8. S: J94<br>H: A9<br>D: AQ874<br>C: 643  |

Suggested bidding:

	East	West		East	West		East	West
1.	Pass	1D	2.	1C	1H	3.	Pass	1D
	1S	2H		2D	<b>2H</b>		1S	2H
	<b>2S</b>	3S		2NT	3NT		<b>2S</b>	3D
	4S	Pass		Pass			Pass	Pass

	East	West		East	West		East	West
5.	1D	1H	6.	Pass	1C	7.	1C	1S
	1NT	2S		1S	2D		2H	3NT
	3H	4H		<b>2NT</b>	3C		Pass	3S
	Pass			3D	Pass		Pass	3S

Notes and comments:

1. East's 2S bid shows 5+ spades and is forcing for one round but not to game. Knowing that East has 5+ spades, West bids 3S and East continues to game.
2. West's 2H bid shows 5+ hearts and is forcing for one round but not forcing to game. With a weaker hand, West could pass East's 2NT bid. However, West has enough to bid game.
3. East's 2S bid shows 5+ spades and is forcing for one round but not forcing to game. West has no tolerance for spades and a very unbalanced hand, so he rebids his diamonds and East passes.
4. East's 2NT bid shows exactly four spades and is forcing for one round but not to game. With nothing in clubs, West rebids diamonds and East passes.
5. West's 2S bid, a reverse by responder, shows 5+ hearts and is a game force.
6. East's 2NT bid shows exactly four spades and is forcing for one round but not to game. West rebids clubs and passes when East corrects to diamonds.
7. East reverses and West judges that they belong in No Trump and they have enough for game but not for slam.
8. East has a 3-card limit raise in spades. The way to show this in Standard American is to temporize by bidding another suit (2D, in this case) and then raising spades. East does NOT have enough to bid 3C, which would be a high reverse. So East bids 2S, West raises to 3S, and East passes.