

Moving from classes to playing bridge in a club

Start playing Bridge regularly, at least once a week. The more you play, the more you learn and the more confident you become.

Playing socially at home

- Play at home in the company of like-minded friends where you can have a good social evening, practice your bidding and ideally discuss your bidding and card play after each hand.
- Playing in a club can help you continue your learning. Persuade your fellow learners to come too so you already know some players and make progress together.

Playing Online

There are several websites where you can play bridge 24/7!

[Bridge Trainer](#) for practice in bidding

- [Acol](#) at BBO (Bridge Base Online)
- Or you can make up a table to play bridge at an agreed date and time with 3 of your friends e.g. on [Realbridge](#)

Have a look at each website to see which you prefer. In Realbridge you will see and be able to talk to and see the other players at your table. In Acol at BBO you cannot see players and will communicate using text.

Playing Face to Face in a club

- Many clubs run 'relaxed pairs' sessions especially for beginners.
- If you don't already have a partner, consult your bridge teacher or someone on the committee of your club to find an appropriate partner.
- Many clubs also offer partnerships with more experienced players.

- In smaller clubs where extra 'relaxed sessions' are not practical, try inviting regular players to come around to your home to play some bridge. You can discuss hands with them.

Playing with a regular partner helps enormously

- Bridge is a partnership game and bidding at bridge is a conversation between partners.
- If you play regularly with the same partner your bidding 'conversation' will be understood by you both!
- Always agree the bidding conventions you want to play with your partner. Best to keep this simple initially.

Continue to learn

- Your Club may offer less formal events such as Meet & Play Bridge for Novice players and Cafe Bridge days where bridge is played in local hostelryes! All good fun and worth entering!
- Some SBU Congresses have a Bronze Congress running alongside in the same venue.