



lesson 14 - teacher notes

Takeout X's

The **X** Double Card is an extremely useful bidding card



By the end of lesson 14 students will be able to:

- Describe the reasons and requirements for making a Takeout **X** in a game of bridge.
- Contrast the requirements to open 1-of-a-suit, to make a Simple Suit Overcall bid, or to bid a Takeout **X** and why it's important for all at the table to recognise these differences.
- Describe the Opening Partnership's options after the opponents make a Takeout **X** i.e. to Pass, to bid naturally, or to stretch!
- Describe the requirements for Advancer after partner makes a Takeout **X** in terms of suit selection and level of bid.

Using PP slide examples, explain the circumstances in which the Takeout **X** can be used i.e. after the opponents have opened the bidding or bid an overcall.

Introduce the acronym S.O.S. as an aide memoire indicating a hand with Shortage in the opponents bid suit; Opening Points, and Support for all 3 other suits

Stress the importance of responding to a Takeout **X** made by partner at the correct level to show strength. i.e.

- **Minimum hand 0 - 7 HCP** Bid your own 4+ card suit OR 1NT with no biddable suit and a **stop** in opponent's suit
- **Limit bid; (invitational) 8-12 HCP** Jump in a 4+ card suit OR bid 2NT with a **stop**
- **Game 13+ HCP** Jump to Game in a 5+ card suit OR 3NT

Stress the need to make a bid even with 0 points if there is no intervening bid by the opponents. However, if the opponents make a bid then you may Pass holding a very weak hand.

Summary - The Takeout **X**

A Takeout Double **X** shows **S.O.S.**

Shortage, Opening Points, Support for all 3 unbid suits! Advancer MUST bid, even with 0 points if RHO passes!

Minimum bid = 0 - 7 HCP

Invitational Bid = 8 - 12 HCP

Game Bid with 13+ HCP

If RHO, responder bids, Advancer may Pass

If RHO, responder bids, for Advancer to bid now is CONSTRUCTIVE

and shows 8+ HCP

1. Give preference to a **Major**
2. Bid 1NT with a **stop** in the bid suit(s)
3. Bid a minor

Remember partner who bid the Takeout **X** has opening points and can support all unbid suits.