



## Lesson 26 Examples

### Examples of a 2NT opener

♠ K102  
 ♥ AJ43  
 ♦ KQ5  
 ♣ AKJ  
 3+5+5+8 = 21HCP

♠ A5  
 ♥ AQ4  
 ♦ QJ985  
 ♣ AK4  
 4+6+3+7 = 20HCP

♠ KQ94  
 ♥ QJ84  
 ♦ AK  
 ♣ AKQ  
 5+3+7+9 = 24HCP (too strong)  
 This one opens 2♣ - see Lesson 28

### Avoid minors when partner opens in no-trump and you have no singleton

♠ KJ2  
 ♥ AJ43  
 ♦ Q8  
 ♣ K982  
 West opens 1NT

A ♠ A5  
 ♥ 76  
 ♦ AKJ985  
 ♣ 743  
 East bids 3NT – an easy 9 tricks  
 (If the long suit is a major he transfers)  
 11 tricks are most unlikely

B ♠ 84  
 ♥ 93  
 ♦ KJ943  
 ♣ AQJ3  
 East invites game with 2NT  
 3NT is the only possible game

### Responding to the Opening Bid of 2NT

♠ AJ8  
 ♥ KQ97  
 ♦ A7  
 ♣ AQ72

A ♠ Q107643  
 ♥ 52  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ K65  
 At least 25HCP, at least 8 spades  
 You want to play in 4♠  
 Bid 3♥, transfer.  
 Raise partner's 3♠ to game  
 (Or just bid 4♠)

B ♠ 1052  
 ♥ J105  
 ♦ K9842  
 ♣ K4  
 At least 27HCP, balanced  
 You want to play in 3NT  
 Bid 3NT!

C ♠ K1042  
 ♥ A653  
 ♦ 2  
 ♣ 8643  
 At least 27HCP  
 Use Stayman to look for  
 a 4-4 major fit. If partner  
 bids a major raise to game  
 If he bids 3♦ – bid 3NT

*The 3-level responses to 2NT are the same as the 2-level responses to 1NT – just one level higher.*



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### Examples of bidding after a 2NT opener

♠ AQ4	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J32
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AQJ8	♥ 96				
♦ KQ5	♦ J642				
♣ QJ4	♣ 9753				
West		East			
2NT		Pass			

Disappointing for West, but 2NT is quite high enough!

♠ KJ5	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q1064
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AQ104	♥ KJ93				
♦ A6	♦ 875				
♣ KQJ3	♣ 72				
West		East			
2NT		3♣			
3♥		4♥			

Stayman finds the 4-4 major fit  
Note that 3NT fails on a diamond lead

♠ Q10	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AKJ9
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AQJ2	♥ 103				
♦ AK93	♦ 764				
♣ KJ7	♣ 8652				
West		East			
2NT		3♣			
3♥		3NT			

East's 3♣ promises a 4-card major, but there is no 4-4 fit

♠ AQ8	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ J43
N					
W E					
S					
♥ A7	♥ K9632				
♦ KQJ92	♦ 8				
♣ KJ3	♣ Q1075				
West		East			
2NT		3♦			
3♥		3NT			
Pass					

East should not worry about his singleton. 4♣ would show slam interest He offers a choice between 3NT and 4♥

♠ AJ2	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ KQ4
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AK104	♥ QJ9				
♦ QJ3	♦ K1075				
♣ AQ10	♣ K82				
West		East			
2NT		6NT			
Pass					

With 34-36 points between the hands  
East settles in the small slam

♠ K1053	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ QJ94
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AKQ2	♥ 85				
♦ A6	♦ KJ1072				
♣ AJ4	♣ 63				
West		East			
2NT		3♣			
3♥		3NT			
4♠		Pass			

East must have a 4-card major  
use Stayman so West converts to 4♠.

♠ AKJ6	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 75
N					
W E					
S					
♥ KQJ	♥ 843				
♦ A8	♦ Q109642				
♣ QJ105	♣ 93				
West		East			
2NT		Pass			

East might like to make a weak takeout into diamonds, but there is no such bid.

♠ KQ5	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ 104
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AK4	♥ 82				
♦ AQ85	♦ J643				
♣ KJ2	♣ AQ985				
West		East			
2NT		3NT			
Pass					

There are not enough points for slam  
No point in bidding a minor, so East simply raises to 3NT

♠ AQ	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K9872
N					
W E					
S					
♥ KQ72	♥ AJ85				
♦ KJ62	♦ 74				
♣ KQJ	♣ 32				
West		East			
2NT		3♥			
3♠		4♥			

With both majors East transfers to ♠s, then bids ♥s.  
West chooses ♥s.