



Lesson 27 Examples

Examples of 2♣ openers

1) ♠ AKJ
♥ KQ5
♦ AQ8
♣ KQ83

8+5+6+5 = 24HCP
Too strong to open 2NT

2) ♠ A2
♥ AKQJ63
♦ AKQ5
♣ 6

A strong hand with 11 Playing Tricks in hearts.
Too strong for 2♥ or 4♥. Open 2♣ to show a very strong hand.

Examples of responses to a 2♣ opener

♠ 72
♥ AQJ54
♦ QJ96
♣ 83

Good heart suit, 2 top honours
10HCP
Bid 2♥

♠ A83
♥ Q4
♦ 963
♣ K9752

2♦ – the club suit is not good enough to bid, and you have only 9HCP, not enough for 2NT

♠ KQ732
♥ 10
♦ 7532
♣ K43

2 top honours in spades, 8HCP
Bid 2♠

♠ 8765
♥ 54
♦ 9832
♣ 1094

We *must* respond to 2♣. No choice but 2♦ (put this hand opposite the 10 tricks in hearts above)

♠ K76
♥ 9
♦ AQ10852
♣ 743

Good diamond suit, 9HCP
2♦ is the waiting bid so we have to bid 3♦ to show our diamond suit

♠ KJ2
♥ 972
♦ J103
♣ QJ107

8HCP, no good suit, so 2♦
Whatever partner does next you must try to show some strength

♠ AQJ3	N	♠ 1086
♥ KQJ2	W E	♥ 875
♦ A109	S	♦ K42
♣ AQ		♣ 9732
West		East
2♣		2♦
2NT		3NT
Pass		

West shows a balanced hand with 23-24HCP
East has not much – but 3HCP is enough to bid 3NT

♠ AKQ4	N	♠ J1082
♥ A96	W E	♥ Q1054
♦ KQJ2	S	♦ 963
♣ AJ		♣ 75
West		East
2♣		2♦
2NT		3♣
3♠		4♠
Pass		

East uses Stayman to find out which is the best game just as he would over 2NT, but with fewer points