



Lesson 14 Examples

A hand with two messages to send

♠ AQJ32	partner opens 1NT. You have 11 HCP, enough to invite game.
♥ A75	but if you bid 2NT and partner raises to 3NT with nothing in a minor you may go down
♦ 987	It might be better to play in 4♠ if partner has 3-card support for spades.
♣ 42	How can you find out whether you have an 8-card spade fit?

Examples of Transfer Bidding

Opener		Responder
♠ K3	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQ9752
♥ A982		♥ J53
♦ K104		♦ A52
♣ A762		♣ 3
1NT		2♥
2♠		3♠
4♠		Pass

Without transfers responder must underbid with 2♠ or overbid with 4♠. By making a transfer then bidding 3♠ he shows *the values to invite game with a 6-card spade suit*.

Opener		Responder
♠ AJ76	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 10
♥ K2		♥ AJ10943
♦ QJ4		♦ A83
♣ K982		♣ A75
1NT		2♦
2♥		4♥
Pass		

With enough for game responder could simply bid 4♥. Or he can *transfer to hearts*, then 'raise' to game and let partner play it to conceal opener's strengths.

Opener		Responder
♠ A73	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ KQ1065
♥ 102		♥ 43
♦ AQJ4		♦ K93
♣ J972		♣ AQ5
1NT		2♥
2♠		3NT

Responder transfers, then bids 3NT to show 13+HCP with a 5-card spade suit. With so little in hearts opener chooses game in the 5-3 fit.

How Transfer Bids give you Two Bids for the Price of One

Opener		Responder
♠ K54	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQJ32
♥ 83		♥ K75
♦ AJ104		♦ Q87
♣ AQ96		♣ 42
1NT		2♥
2♠		2NT
4♠		Pass

With 5 spades East bids 2♥, requesting partner to bid 2♠.

Over 2♠ he bids 2NT to show the values to invite game, thus showing *both* 11-12 points *and* 5 spades.

West is maximum with 3 spades.

He accepts the invitation, bids 4♠.

Opener		Responder
♠ 106	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQJ32
♥ AJ2		♥ K75
♦ AJ72		♦ Q85
♣ Q1085		♣ 42
1NT		2♥
2♠		2NT
Pass		

West is minimum with 2 spades.

He passes 2NT.

Opener		Responder
♠ 109	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ AQJ32
♥ QJ103		♥ K75
♦ AJ3		♦ Q87
♣ AQ97		♣ 42
1NT		2♥
2♠		2NT
3NT		Pass

West is maximum with 2 spades.

He bids 3NT.

Transfers as a weak takeout

Opener		Responder
♠ K83	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ QJ762
♥ AQ82		♥ KJ3
♦ 104		♦ 9652
♣ A762		♣ 8
1NT		2♥
2♠		Pass

Responder has only 7HCP, this is a part-score hand. The club holding suggests the best part-score is 2♠.

Opener		Responder
♠ AQ62	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠ 54
♥ K4		♥ QJ10653
♦ Q854		♦ 63
♣ K82		♣ 754
1NT		2♦
2♥		Pass

Responder has only 4HCP, a very weak hand. He wants to make a weak takeout to 2♥.