



## Lesson 13 Examples

### Example of a hand that should use Stayman

- ♠ AQ32 partner opens 1NT. You have 13 HCP, enough for game
  - ♥ KQ75 but if you bid 3NT and partner has nothing much in clubs you will go down
  - ♦ Q872 If you knew partner had 4 hearts, or 4 spades, you could bid game in that suit
  - ♣ 4 And if you knew he had only 2/3 cards in the majors you would not worry about clubs
- What we want is a way to find out whether partner has a 4-card major

### Stayman with game-going hands

♠ KJ3	N	♠ AQ72
♥ AQ82	W E	♥ KJ53
♦ K104	S	♦ A652
♣ 762		♣ 3
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		4♥

♠ AQ76	N	♠ 10
♥ K2	W E	♥ AQ43
♦ QJ4	S	♦ AK863
♣ J982		♣ 1075
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♠		3NT

East has enough points for game, but is not sure which game will be best.  
He asks if partner has a 4-card major.

If West bids 2♥/♠ (showing 4 cards) he raises to 4♥/♠

If West bids 2♦ (no 4-card major) he chances 3NT

**He can cope with any response partner makes**

If West bids 2♥ East will raise to 4♥

When West bids 2♠ he takes his chances in 3NT

If West bids 2♦ he has to take a chance on 3NT

♠ AJ103	N	♠ KQ64
♥ A652	W E	♥ 3
♦ K104	S	♦ AQ83
♣ J2		♣ Q954
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		3NT
4♠		

♠ Q763	N	♠ 10
♥ K62	W E	♥ AQ943
♦ AQ72	S	♦ K863
♣ K2		♣ A65
West		East
1NT		3♥
4♥		

When West bids 2♥ East bids 3NT  
By using Stayman he has promised a 4-card major  
With 4 hearts he would bid 4♥, therefore he has 4 spades  
West converts to game in the known 4-4 major fit

This time East has 5 hearts, not 4  
He cannot use Stayman without a 4-card major  
He bids 3♥. This shows 5 hearts and asks partner  
to pick a game: 4♥ with 3+hearts, 3NT otherwise

### Stayman with game-invitational hands

♠ K83	N	♠ AQ72
♥ AQ82	W E	♥ KJ53
♦ 93	S	♦ J1052
♣ A752		♣ 3
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		3♥
4♥		Pass

♠ AQ76	N	♠ 10
♥ K2	W E	♥ AQ43
♦ Q95	S	♦ A863
♣ J862		♣ Q975
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♠		2NT
Pass		

East has 11/12 HCP, enough to invite game. He asks  
if partner has a 4 card major. When West bids 2♥)  
(showing 4 cards) he raises to 3♥ This is an invitational  
raise. West passes if he is minimum, bids 4♥ if he is not

West bids 2♠, denying 4 hearts showing 4 spades  
East bids 2NT, showing 11-12 HCP and 4 hearts  
West is minimum and passes ,