



Lesson 32 Examples

Stayman with Game-going Hands

♠A92 ♥K73 ♦A982 ♣Q86	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠KJ104 ♥QJ64 ♦J6 ♣AJ4
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♦		3NT
Pass		

East, with enough for game, looks for a 4-4 major fit. Not this time, so he **signs off** in 3NT.

♠AQ84 ♥KJ74 ♦K6 ♣J83	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠K753 ♥Q3 ♦A853 ♣A64
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		3NT
4♠		Pass

West shows the 'wrong' major. But Stayman ***promises*** a 4-card major, so West can **correct** 3NT to 4♠.

♠K97 ♥AQ62 ♦QJ53 ♣94	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠Q3 ♥KJ84 ♦AK64 ♣J85
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		4♥
Pass		

When West shows the 'right' major East simply bids game in the superior contract

Stayman with Invitational Hands

♠Q72 ♥KJ3 ♦A976 ♣Q86	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠K953 ♥Q984 ♦83 ♣AK3
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♦		2NT
Pass		

East has enough to **invite game**. On the way to 2NT he asks if partner has a 4-card major.

♠A1053 ♥A52 ♦K6 ♣QJ64	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠KQ64 ♥83 ♦AQ54 ♣984
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♠		3♠
4♠		Pass

When partner shows 4 cards in your major you can raise to **invite game**. With a maximum West bids on.

♠QJ63 ♥KQ84 ♦82 ♣AQ5	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠K1072 ♥J3 ♦A63 ♣K864
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		2NT
4♠		Pass

Opposite the 'wrong' major East bids 2NT. He must have 4 spades, so West tries 4♠. (He would bid 3♠ if minimum)



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Stayman with Weak Hands

East knows there is no game, but there may be a better part score. He can use Stayman to improve the spot **provided he has at least one 4-card major, and he is prepared for any response partner may make**

♠AQ2 ♥K87 ♦Q854 ♣K82	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠J1054 ♥QJ643 ♦63 ♣75
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♦		2♥

East could transfer into 2♥ but 2♠ will be better if West has 4 spades. When West shows no major 2♥ is a **sign-off**, to play.

♠K83 ♥AQ82 ♦104 ♣A762	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠Q752 ♥KJ53 ♦J9652 ♣-
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		Pass

This time East plans to Pass no matter what West responds. He will find any 4-4 fit major fit, and even 2♦ will be at least a 5-2 fit.

♠K7 ♥AQ62 ♦QJ53 ♣984	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠J8543 ♥J843 ♦1086 ♣5
West		East
1NT		2♣
2♥		Pass

This will not be a lot of fun, but the 8-card fit may scramble a few ruffs, and it is better than 2♠

When not to use Stayman

♠AQ2 ♥K87 ♦Q854 ♣K82	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠J5 ♥AJ632 ♦J632 ♣75
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		Pass

No 4-card major – no Stayman
Transfer into your 5-card major

♠K83 ♥AQ82 ♦104 ♣A762	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠52 ♥KJ53 ♦J962 ♣KQ4
West		East
1NT		Pass

Not quite strong enough for 2NT -
and you cannot cope with a 2♠ reply

♠K76 ♥AQ62 ♦KJ9 ♣874	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> N W E S </div>	♠Q8543 ♥3 ♦Q8653 ♣K9
West		East
1NT		2♥
2♠		Pass

No 4-card major, cannot cope
with all responses, just transfer.