



Lesson 8 Examples

Bidding Balanced and Unbalanced Hands

♠ A85	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K76
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K73	♥ Q54										
♦ QJ2	♦ K8743										
♣ A982	♣ J5										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		Pass									

East has a balanced hand with 9 points.
 His Pass says: “Partner, we do not have enough points for game, so we stop in the cheapest part score”
 No reason to introduce a 5-card minor in a balanced hand

♠ Q972	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ AK3
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AK6	♥ J5										
♦ Q1053	♦ K62										
♣ J10	♣ AQ953										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		3NT									
Pass											

East has a balanced hand with 17 points easily enough for game. 3NT says: “Partner, I know we have enough points for game but not enough for slam. We both have balanced hands, so 3NT looks like the best game”

♠ A82	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K73
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AJ95	♥ Q7										
♦ 106	♦ AJ953										
♣ K954	♣ J62										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		2NT									
Pass											

East has a balanced hand with 11 points
 2NT says: “Partner, we have enough points for game if you are maximum, but not if you are minimum”
West has a minimum 12 points, so he passes

♠ KJ6	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q75
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AQ104	♥ J93										
♦ J5	♦ KQ64										
♣ QJ96	♣ A32										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		2NT									
3NT		Pass									

East has a balanced hand with 12 points.
 His 2NT *invites* West to bid game if he is maximum
 This time West has a maximum 14 points, so he bids 3NT

♠ AQ52	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K643
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J9	♥ Q876										
♦ KQ6	♦ 10532										
♣ Q954	♣ J										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		Pass									

East has a very weak hand, so there is no game. East must pass

♠ A64	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ QJ10
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J752	♥ 643										
♦ K87	♦ 943										
♣ AQ6	♣ 7532										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		Pass									

Note that a contract of 1NT by West is hopeless But East has no bid and must pass

Making a Limit Raise

♠ 2	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ Q73
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AQJ75	♥ K1042										
♦ K106	♦ 53										
♣ A954	♣ K862										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1♥		2♥									
Pass											

West has an unbalanced hand with 14 points.
 He opens the bidding in his longest suit.
 East’s bid of 2♥ says “I have 6-9 points and 4 hearts.”
 There are not enough points for game, so West passes

♠ AJ6	<table border="1" style="text-align: center; width: 60px; height: 60px;"> <tr><td> </td><td>N</td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td> </td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td>S</td><td> </td></tr> </table>		N		W		E		S		♠ K832
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ KQ104	♥ J932										
♦ KJ52	♦ Q10										
♣ A9	♣ 832										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1♥		2♥									
4♥		Pass									

West has a balanced hand with 18 points, too many for 1NT. He opens his higher-ranking 4-card suit
 This time there are enough points for game, so he bids 4♥