



Lesson 8 Examples

Bidding Balanced and Unbalanced Hands

♠ A85	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K76
N					
W E					
S					
♥ K73	♥ Q54				
♦ QJ2	♦ K8743				
♣ A982	♣ J5				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ AK3
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AK6	♥ J5				
♦ Q1053	♦ K62				
♣ J10	♣ AQ953				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K73
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AJ95	♥ Q7				
♦ 106	♦ AJ953				
♣ K954	♣ J62				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q75
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AQ104	♥ J93				
♦ J5	♦ KQ64				
♣ QJ96	♣ A32				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K643
N					
W E					
S					
♥ J9	♥ Q876				
♦ KQ6	♦ 10532				
♣ Q954	♣ J				

West East

1NT Pass

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

♠ A64	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ QJ10
N					
W E					
S					
♥ J752	♥ 643				
♦ K87	♦ 943				
♣ AQ6	♣ 7532				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ Q73
N					
W E					
S					
♥ AQJ75	♥ K1042				
♦ K106	♦ 53				
♣ A954	♣ K862				

West East

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"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠ K832
N					
W E					
S					
♥ KQ104	♥ J932				
♦ KJ52	♦ Q10				
♣ A9	♣ 832				

West East

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♥