



Lesson 6 Examples

Bidding in practice

♠ QJ7	<table border="1"> <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		♠ K64
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ AQ43	♥ K75										
♦ K92	♦ A873										
♣ Q43	♣ AJ8										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		3NT									
Pass											

Final contract: 3NT by West.

West has a balanced hand with 14 points, so opens 1NT
 East has 15 points and is also balanced. He knows that the partnership has at least 25 points, so he bids game.
 West has the job of making at least 9 tricks.
 If he succeeds he will score a game bonus

♠ K5	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 109742
		N									
W			E								
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♥ AKQ102	♥ 985										
♦ AJ	♦ 864										
♣ J643	♣ Q7										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1♥		Pass									

Final contract: 1♥ by West

West has a strong hand with 18 points, so opens his longest suit, 1♥. East has very few points. Even if West has a maximum 20 points there are not enough for game. East stops as quickly as possible by passing.
 West has the job of making at least 7 tricks

♠ K853	<table border="1"> <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		♠ A102
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K92	♥ J106										
♦ QJ107	♦ A943										
♣ A4	♣ 765										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		Pass									

Final contract: 1NT by West.

West has a balanced hand with 13 points, so opens 1NT
 East has 9 points. Even if West has a maximum of 14 points there are not enough for game. When we play a part score we stay as low as possible, so East passes.
 1NT becomes the final contract.
 West has the job of making at least 7 tricks
 If he succeeds he will score a part score bonus

♠ AQJ92	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 10643
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ A87	♥ KQ2										
♦ A3	♦ K75										
♣ 1042	♣ AQ3										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1♠		4♠									
Pass											

Final contract: 4♠ by West

West has 15 points, too many for 1NT, so opens 1♠, his longest suit. East has 14 points and knows two things: the partnership has at least 26 points, enough for game; and spades are West's longest suit, he has at least 4 spades. The partnership has at least 8 spades. East closes the auction by bidding game in spades, 4♠.
 West must make 10 tricks for the game bonus

♠ A52	<table border="1"> <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		♠ K96
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ K7	♥ AQ9										
♦ KQJ843	♦ 972										
♣ 106	♣ AQ43										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1♦		3NT									
Pass											

Final contract: 3NT by East

East knows West has enough to open the bidding.
 East has 15 points, so the partnership has at least 27 points between them and should be in game.
 The lowest game is 3NT, and since he has honours in all the suits but diamonds East bids 3NT.
 We can see how the contract might go: East wins the opening lead in spades, hearts or clubs. He plays a small diamond to the jack to force out ♦A. He probably makes 5 tricks in diamonds and 6 top tricks in the other suits for 2 overtricks.

♠ A102	<table border="1"> <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		♠ 8
		N									
W			E								
		S									
♥ J83	♥ KQ10764										
♦ AJ74	♦ KQ9										
♣ K65	♣ QJ9										
<i>West</i>		<i>East</i>									
1NT		4♥									
Pass											

Final contract: 4♥ by East

After the 1NT opening East knows the partnership has enough points for game. West has a balanced hand, so must have at least 2 hearts. There are at least 8 hearts between the hands, so East bids game in hearts.
 When we look at both hands we can see that game in hearts can be made. East will lose only ♥A and ♣A and make an overtrick.