



Lesson 47 Examples

Using major suit transfers

♠J753 ♥A5 ♦A872 ♣K54	<div>W E S</div>	♠8 ♥QJ987 ♦QJ1093 ♣Q2
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		Pass

With a weak unbalanced hand East makes a weak takeout into his 5-card major. Playing transfers means you must transfer to do so.

♠AQ95 ♥104 ♦A65 ♣Q832	<div>W E S</div>	♠K8 ♥KJ976 ♦K42 ♣J109
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		2NT
Pass		

East shows a balanced invitational raise with 5 hearts. West is minimum with no fit, so passes.

♠QJ74 ♥K5 ♦A942 ♣A95	<div>W E S</div>	♠9 ♥AQJ987 ♦K7 ♣J1042
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		3♥
4♥		Pass

With 6 hearts and an unbalanced hand East transfers, then 'raises' to invite game. With a maximum and good controls West bids 4♥.

Using Transfers to help partner decide which game to play

♠3
♥AQ987
♦KQ87
♣Q42

A

♠942
♥K4
♦AJ52
♣AJ63

B

♠AJ105
♥64
♦A64
♣KJ105

You are West. Partner opens 1NT, and you have 13 HCP, enough for game. If you bid 3♥ partner will reply 3NT with both Hand A and Hand B, since he has only two hearts. Which game would you like to be in?

Bidding a new suit after a Transfer

♠984 ♥KJ5 ♦J102 ♣AK6	<div>W E S</div>	♠3 ♥AQ987 ♦KQ87 ♣Q42
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		3♦
3♥		4♥

East shows game values in an unbalanced hand by transferring to a 5-card major, then bidding a second suit. West is minimum with 3 hearts. He bids 3♥ and East, with no interest in slam, raises to game.

♠AJ105 ♥104 ♦A64 ♣KJ105	<div>W E S</div>	♠3 ♥AQ987 ♦KQ87 ♣Q42
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		3♦
3NT		Pass

West is maximum with high cards in the other suits. He bids 3NT. East does not argue

♠AQ74 ♥J2 ♦A942 ♣K65	<div>W E S</div>	♠3 ♥AQ987 ♦KQ87 ♣Q42
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		3♦
3♠		3NT

West is unsure where to play, so he shows his values in spades. With some help in clubs East bids 3NT.

♠AJ3 ♥52 ♦AK104 ♣J102	<div>W E S</div>	♠KQ964 ♥AJ63 ♦3 ♣K54
West		East
1NT		2♥
2♠		3♥
3♠		4♠
Pass		

Responder has 13HCP, enough for game. He starts by transferring into spades. When West bids 2♠ East introduces his second Suit West bids 3♠ to set spades as trump control in case East is interested in slam. East settles for game in the 5-3 fit.

♠Q763 ♥K2 ♦KQ74 ♣K2	<div>W E S</div>	♠KJ105 ♥AQ943 ♦3 ♣A65
West		East
1NT		2♦
2♥		2♠
4♠		Pass

This time East starts with a transfer to hearts. When he next bids spades he shows 5+ hearts and 4+ spades. West bids game in the 4-4 fit
NB: with both majors always transfer into the longer suit first. With 5-5 transfer into spades, then bid hearts.



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Responding at the 3-level – the single-suited slam try.

♠A95 ♥K542 ♦J2 ♣AJ105	N W E S	♠3 ♥AQJ763 ♦AK7 ♣K63
West		East
1NT		3♥
3♠		4♦
5♣		6♥

East shows a hand with 6+ hearts
West has a heart fit, and responds
by cue-bidding ♠A. East cuebids
♦A in return and when partner
cuebids clubs he can bid slam.

♠KQ92 ♥AJ103 ♦Q4 ♣Q103	N W E S	♠A76 ♥7 ♦K7 ♣AKJ9865
West		East
1NT		3♣
3♥		3♠
4♣		6♣

East needs partner to have the right
cards. A heart cuebid followed by
4♣ when signing off in 3NT was a
possibility shows slam interest, and
East can bid slam.

♠KQ74 ♥QJ8 ♦J2 ♣A743	N W E S	♠- ♥A1054 ♦KQ98643 ♣KQ
West		East
1NT		3♦
3NT		Pass

This time West is not very keen
on playing in diamonds, and he
tells partner by bidding 3NT.
East does not have enough to
insist on slam.

The weak takeout into a minor – at last, a meaning for the 2♠ response

♠Q943 ♥K75 ♦AJ52 ♣A4	N W E S	♠J6 ♥Q64 ♦6 ♣QJ109752
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West opens 1NT. East's hand is unlikely to take many tricks
unless partner can get at his long club suit, so he takes out into
clubs by bidding 2♠, **a minor suit transfer**.

West bids 3♣ and East passes

(Switch the diamond and club suits and East would correct to 3♦ to
play there).

Responding to 1NT with a long minor suit

♠Q942 ♥K82 ♦J6 ♣AK75	N W E S	♠3 ♥7 ♦KQ87432 ♣6532
West		East
1NT		2♠
3♣		3♦
Pass		

East knows this hand should be
played in diamonds, but 3♦ is a
strong bid. The only way to
make a **weak takeout into
diamonds** is to go through 2♠,
then convert to 3♦ when partner
obediently bids 3♣

♠K1095 ♥AK103 ♦Q105 ♣32	N W E S	♠QJ7 ♥Q7 ♦K7 ♣J109865
West		East
1NT		Pass

With a semi-balanced hand and some
values why try to make 9 tricks
instead of 7? If partner has good
clubs he can establish the suit, and
if not he can establish tricks
elsewhere.

♠K974 ♥QJ8 ♦Q2 ♣A743	N W E S	♠A8 ♥54 ♦AK98643 ♣62
West		East
1NT		3NT
Pass		

This East hand is too good for a
weak takeout. If partner has
anything in diamonds East will
provide 8 Playing Tricks, and
3NT will be an easy make
(unless they can cash 5 fast tricks.
tricks!)