

# Responding to partner's Takeout Double

## Choose your next bid

<b>Hand: 1</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 7 6 2 ♥ 8 7 6 2 ♦ 7 5 2 ♣ 4 3 2
<b>Hand: 2</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ Dbl 2♣ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ J 7 6 ♥ Q J 8 4 ♦ K 9 5 2 ♣ 7 3
<b>Hand: 3</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♠ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 8 7 6 3 ♥ 5 2 ♦ K J 9 7 ♣ Q 5 4
<b>Hand: 4</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 7 6 2 ♥ Q 7 6 ♦ Q 9 8 7 5 2 ♣ 4
<b>Hand: 5</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 7 4 ♥ K J 8 2 ♦ A J 4 ♣ J 5 4 3
<b>Hand: 6</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ Dbl 2♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 6 4 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ 9 7 3 2
<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A 8 ♥ 9 8 2 ♦ K J 9 7 6 ♣ 7 6 5
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ Dbl Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A Q J 9 ♥ 7 6 5 2 ♦ 5 3 ♣ A Q 2
<b>Hand: 9</b> <b>Dealer:</b> West <b>Vul:</b> None <b>West North East South</b> 1♦ Dbl 2♦ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K J 9 7 6 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ A 6 5 ♣ 7 3

**Answer: 1♥**

We must respond to the takeout double even with zero points.

**Answer: 2♥**

After opener's partner makes a bid you are not forced to bid, so bidding 2♥ shows about 6-9 points.

**Answer: 2♦**

South must respond to the double. A suit bid at the lowest level shows 0-8 points.

**Answer: 1♥**

We have to respond to the double, but since our longest suit is opener's suit we must respond in a three card suit.

**Answer: 2♥**

A jump bid in a suit shows about 9-12 points. Partner needs an opening hand to double so your response is the same as it would be if partner opened 1♥.

**Answer: Pass**

Opener's partner has bid so you do not have to bid. You are too weak to bid 3♦.

**Answer: 1NT**

With 6-9 points and a diamond stopper we can bid 1NT. If we had 10-12 points we could jump to 2NT, and with 13+ points we could go straight to 3NT.

**Answer: 4♠**

With 13 points and a four card major, we just jump to 4♠. If we are unlucky partner may only have three spades but it is a risk worth taking.

**Answer: 3♠**

With 10 points we show an invitational hand. If partner had opened 1S we would have bid 3♠.