

Practise Opening 2NT

(playing Stayman or Transfers)

NG34Bridge

Choose your next bid

Hand: 1 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South ?	South ♠ A Q 5 4 ♥ A ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ A Q J 3
Hand: 2 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ J 6 5 4 3 ♥ 5 ♦ J 8 7 4 ♣ Q 6 2
Hand: 3 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ K J 10 4 3 ♥ 5 ♦ 9 4 2 ♣ 10 9 7 2
Hand: 4 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ J 6 5 4 3 2 ♥ 5 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ 9 6
Hand: 5 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ K Q 5 4 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ 9 6
Hand: 6 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ K 7 5 4 ♥ 5 4 3 ♦ 9 8 7 4 ♣ 9 6
Hand: 7 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ 7 4 ♥ 9 8 ♦ A Q J 4 3 2 ♣ Q 6 3
Hand: 8 Dealer: North Vul: None West North East South Pass Pass 2NT Pass 3♣ Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT Pass ?	South ♠ K 8 7 4 ♥ A K 6 5 ♦ K Q J ♣ A J

Answer: 2NT

22 HCP and unbalanced – the dreaded 4441 shape. With 20-21 HCP and a singleton King you would pass, but here there is a real risk that partner would pass with 4 HCP if you opened 1♦.

Answer: Pass

You have 4 HCP. You have to upgrade or downgrade. This hand is not worth an upgrade so you re-evaluate it as a 3 HCP hand. and pass.

Answer: 3♥

You have 4 HCP. You have to upgrade or downgrade. Your honours are 'working' together and you also have useful 10's and 9's, especially the ♠10. Upgrade and transfer to spades, planning to rebid 3NT, offering partner a choice of game contracts.

Answer: 3♥

If you did not play transfers you would have to pass. Bidding 3♠ would be game forcing with 5+ HCP and exactly five spades, asking partner to choose between 3NT and 4♠. Playing transfers you can pass partner's 3♠ bid.

Answer: 3♣

You need 5+ HCP and at least one 4 card major to bid Stayman. If you did not play Stayman you would have to bid 3NT. Playing Stayman you can check for an 8 card spade fit along the way. If partner responds 3♦ (denying a 4-card major then you rebid 3NT.

Answer: Pass

You need 5+ HCP to bid Stayman.

Answer: 3NT

With a enough points for game and a long minor it is usually best to bid 3NT.

Answer: 4♠.

North has bid Stayman so must have a 4-card major. North is not interested in your hearts so must have four spades