

Practise the Negative Double



Choose your next bid

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

Answer: Double

Promising four hearts and 6+ HCP. Note that the double does not guarantee four cards in the other unbid suit, clubs. If West rebids 2♣ East will put West back into diamonds.

Answer: 1NT

You have a balanced hand and a good spade stop.

Answer: Double

Promising four spades and 6+ HCP. With a fifth spade East would have bid 1♠

Answer: 1♠

Promising 5+ spades and 6+ HCP. With only four spades East would have bid 1♠

Answer: Pass

Let North play in 1♠ and hope to defeat the contract. In practice south will almost certainly bid something else.

Answer: 2♥

You are too strong to make a negative double, which would indicate 6-8 HCP.

Answer: Double

The double here shows spades but does not guarantee the unbid minor. If West rebids clubs then South will bid 2♦.

Answer: Double

6+ HCP and four cards in each major. The double could be made with a much stronger hand and no 5 card major

Answer: Double

You may think that you can bid 1♥ and if partner has four spades she will bid them so the spade fit won't be missed, but that assumes that South remains silent. If South bids 2♦ partner may not be strong enough to bid 2♠ and a spade fit could be missed

Hand: 10 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ ?	East ♠ J 6 ♥ J 7 ♦ K Q 7 6 3 ♣ J 9 3 2
Hand: 11 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 1♠ ?	East ♠ J 6 ♥ J 7 ♦ K Q 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ J 9 3 2
Hand: 12 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 2♣ ?	East ♠ K Q 5 4 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K 7 6 5 ♣ 7 6 4
Hand: 13 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 2♣ ?	East ♠ K 3 ♥ Q 7 5 ♦ J 7 6 4 2 ♣ 4 3 2
Hand: 14 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 2♣ ?	East ♠ Q J 6 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q J 7 6 2 ♣ 6 2
Hand: 15 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 2♣ ?	East ♠ Q J 6 4 ♥ 2 ♦ K Q J 7 6 2 ♣ A 2
Hand: 16 Dealer: South Vul: None West North East South 1♥ 2♣ ?	East ♠ A Q J 8 7 5 ♥ 7 5 ♦ J 9 5 ♣ 7 4

Answer: Double

You are showing both minors and 6-8 HCP. You are too weak to bid an unlimited 2♥ as you don't satisfy the Rule of 14.

Answer: Double

Partner will think you are showing both minors and 6-8 HCP. You correct this misinterpretation when you rebid your diamonds. Partner will know you have a hand with long diamonds and too weak to bid a direct 2♦

Answer: Double

You have the perfect hand for a negative double

Answer: 2♥

You do not have the unbid major so cannot double, and you are too weak to bid your diamonds.

Answer: Double

You are not strong enough to bid diamonds and then spades. For that you would need 11+ HCP. You have four cards in the unbid suit, spades but If partner is not interested in spades and rebids her hearts you should bid 3♦

Answer: 2♦

You have enough strength for game. You can show your spades on the next round.

Answer: Double

With just 8 HCP You are not quite strong enough to bid 2♠ (bidding over partner's 2♥ barrier shows 11+ HCP) and then 3♠. By using the negative double and then bidding spades you show long spades and a weaker hand.