

# Practise Transfers



## Choose your next bid

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**Answer:** Pass

With a weak hand we just pass partner's conversion to 2♥. The big advantage of transfers is that our weak hand will be dummy and partner's stronger hand will be hidden from our opponents.

**Answer:** 2NT

We have 11 HCP, enough for game (25 HCP) if partner has a maximum 14 HCP. With a balanced hand and no major we just make an invitational bid in NT.

**Answer:** 2♦

We can describe this hand quite well by transferring into hearts and then rebidding 3NT, which shows EXACTLY five hearts, a balanced(ish) hand and game values.

**Answer:** 4♥

Partner has 20-22 points and at least two hearts, so this should be the right contract. By using transfers we have ensured that partner will play the contract and my weak hand will be dummy.

**Answer:** 3NT

Partner's 1NT overall shows 15-17 HCP and a club stop. We have a combined 26+ HCP so game-going values. After showing our spades via a transfer, we jump to 3NT to offer partner the choice between 3NT and 4♠. If we bid just 2NT partner might pass with a minimum 16 HCP and we would miss game.

**Answer:** Pass

Playing transfers, we can't sign off in a minor suit at the two level. With only five diamonds, it's best to pass.

**Answer:** 2♠

We cannot make a weak takeout at the 2 level by bidding 2♦ as partner will take this as a request to transfer to hearts. Our 2♠ bid is a request to partner to bid 3♣. We will then bid 3♦, showing a weak hand and long diamonds, and asking partner to pass.

<p><b>Hand: 8</b>  <b>Dealer:</b> North <b>Vul:</b> None  <b>West North East South</b>  1NT Pass ?</p>	<p><b>South</b>  ♠ 9  ♥ A 4 2  ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 2  ♣ K 7 2</p>
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<p><b>Hand: 13</b>  <b>Dealer:</b> North <b>Vul:</b> None  <b>West North East South</b>  1NT Pass 2♥  Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥  Pass 3NT Pass ?</p>	<p><b>South</b>  ♠ K Q 9 8 7  ♥ A J 5 4  ♦ K 5 2  ♣ 5</p>

**Answer:** Pass.

We should pass rather than make a weak takeout into 3♦ via 2♠-3♣. We have combined 21+ HCP so should make 1NT. Seven tricks bid and made in No Trumps scores 90 (50+40), the same as for making eight tricks in a diamond contract: (50+20+20).

**Answer:** 3♦

We will pass partner's 3♥ rebid. Our hand is worthless in No Trumps but will produce tricks in a heart contract.

Note that if not playing transfers we would have to pass. A direct bid of 3♥ would be game forcing.

**Answer:** 3♣

We have enough points for game, but which one, 3NT, 4♠ or 5♣. Our 3♣ bid is game forcing and lets partner know that we have a good 4 card club suit and we don't have a 'no-trumpy' hand.

**Answer:** 3♠

Our 2♥ response shows 5+ spades. Our 3♠ rebid shows 6+ spades (so a spade fit), invitational to game. With a stronger hand we would have jumped to 4♠.

**Answer:** 3♥

Our 2♥ response shows 5+ spades and is game forcing. Partner must choose between 3NT, 4♥ and 4♠. With a weaker hand (say 11 HCP) we would not be strong enough to show our heart suit as well as our spades, so we would have to rebid 2NT, showing our 11-12 HCP and asking partner to choose between spades and no Trumps

**Answer:** Pass

We have guaranteed five spades and four hearts. North's 3NT denies three spades and denies four hearts. We have no undisclosed length in either major.