

Practise Transfers

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

Answer: Pass

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

Answer: 3NT

Shows game-going values with exactly 5 spades. Partner has to choose between passing (with two spades) and bidding 4♠ (with 3+ spades)

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. Partner will bid game with a maximum.

Answer: 2♦

We can describe this hand quite well by transferring into hearts and then rebidding 3NT. If partner does not have three hearts then she must have 3+ spades as she cannot have two doubletons with a balanced hand.

Answer: 3NT

Partner's 1NT overcall shows 16-18 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♠.

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 transfer to hearts. Our 2♠ bid is a request to partner to bid 3♣. We will then bid 3♦, showing a very weak hand and long diamonds.

Our hand will probably produce no tricks in No Trumps unless partner holds ♦AKx, which is extremely unlikely. However we can offer at least three diamond tricks if diamonds are trumps.

Answer: Pass.

We should pass rather than make a weak takeout into 3♦. We have combined 21+ HCP so should make 1NT, which scores the same as 3♦, and if we make 8 tricks in No Trumps we will get an even better score.