

Practise 'Features' 2NT Bid

'Features' 2NT = Asks opener to show strength and any useful features. Requires 15+ HCP

A return to 3 of the suit shows a bad hand (6-7 HCP)

3 of any suit other than partner's suit shows a good hand (8-10 HCP) and a feature*.

3NT shows the top three honours (AKQxxx)

* A feature is an Ace or a well protected King (Kx) or Queen (Qxxx or QJx)

Choose your next bid

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

Answer: 4♠

Bidding 'Features' 2NT is very unlikely to lead us to a better contract. Our opponents will not know whether we are bidding to spoil or to make, and may bid 5♥, in which case we should double for penalties.

Answer: 2NT

If opener rebids 3♠ then a slam may be on – responder has the ♥AQ. Responder can take a punt on 6♥.

Answer: 3NT

Opener has ♥AKQxxx and little else. South has the other suits stopped

Answer: 3NT

South can count 9 tricks before dummy goes down. North is promising the ♥AQ so that's 6 heart tricks straight off. 4♥ might fail because there is no ruffing opportunity in South's hand.

Answer: 3NT/6♥

10 tricks off the top. 6♥ might make if the spade suit divides well and can be ruffed good, with losers pitched on the remaining spades.

Answer: 2NT

Although South has 15 HCP, game is not certain if North is minimum. A 3♦ response would be ideal.

Answer: 4♠

North's 3♠ shows the ♥K and a good hand so South can jump to 4S with a fair degree of confidence.

Answer: 3NT

North has a good hand (8+ HCP) and a spade stopper. The partner has 25+ HCP and 3NT is a better bet than 5♦.

