

# Beginners' Lessons: Hands from Lesson 2A to 5A

**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 8 5 3  
♥ K 8 6 2  
♦ 10 8  
♣ K 9 3

♠ Q 10 7 2  
♥ Q 3  
♦ J 9 5 2  
♣ 10 8 7

♠ A J  
♥ A J 9 7 5 4  
♦ A K  
♣ Q 5 4

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
All pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Lead: ♦ 3

**Lesson 2A**

South opens 1 ♥. North bids 2 ♥ showing 4 hearts and 6-9 HCP.

South raises to game with a strong hand.

The lead of a small diamond by West is from their longest and strongest suit.

South should draw trumps as soon as possible.

**Board 5**  
North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K 5  
♥ Q J 10 8 7 4  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ 7 4

♠ A J 9 6 2  
♥ A 5  
♦ 10 7  
♣ 8 6 5 3

♠ Q 8 7 3  
♥ 9 6  
♦ K 8 5  
♣ J 10 9 2

♠ 10 4  
♥ K 3 2  
♦ J 9 6 3 2  
♣ A K Q

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
All pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥

Lead: ♣ J

**Lesson 4A**

Opener's rebid shows 5+ hearts and a minimum hand of 12-15 HCP.

South now bids to game in hearts because they now know they have a fit.

Lead is top of a sequence.

Declarer plays 3 rounds of clubs first, discarding a small spade to avoid 2 spade losers. Then, Declarer draws trumps and plays diamonds.

**Board 2**  
East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7 4  
♥ 3  
♦ A 6 4 3 2  
♣ J 5 3

♠ A Q 6 5  
♥ A 9 8 7  
♦ J 7  
♣ A 9 7

♠ 10 9 3  
♥ J 6  
♦ 10 9 8 5  
♣ Q 10 4 2

West	North	East	South
4 ♥	All pass	1 ♥	Pass

Lead: ♦ 10

**Lesson 3A**

East opens 1 ♥ (the lowest 4-card suit).

West bids game in hearts as they have 4 hearts and enough points for game.

The ♦ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and take the spade finesse to capture the ♠ K.

**Board 6**  
East Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 5 2  
♥ 10 8 7  
♦ Q 10 8 6  
♣ A K 8 7

♠ A K 10 7  
♥ 6 2  
♦ 7 4  
♣ Q J 10 9 6

♠ Q 9 8 4 3  
♥ K Q 4 3  
♦ A J  
♣ 4 3

♠ J 6  
♥ A J 9 5  
♦ K 9 5 3 2  
♣ 5 2

West	North	East	South
3 ♠	All pass	1 ♠	Pass

Lead: ♦ 2

**Lesson 2A**

East opens 1 ♠ and West bids 3 ♠ (showing 4+ spades and enough to invite to game).

East, with a minimum hand, passes.

South's lead is small from their longest and strongest

Draw trumps then play clubs (their next longest suit)

**Board 3**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ A K J 5  
♥ A 8 7  
♦ 10 9 6  
♣ 7 4 2

♠ 8 4 3  
♥ K Q J 10  
♦ 8 7 4  
♣ K 10 6

♠ Q 9 7 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ A K Q  
♣ A Q J 3

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	4 ♠

Lead: ♥ K

**Lesson 4A**

South opens the lower of two 4-card suits. North bids 1 ♠. South is strong enough to raise to game.

Lead is top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and play **towards** clubs in South's hand (dummy), hoping the ♣ K is in East's hand

**Board 7**  
South Deals  
Both Vul

♠ A J 9 3  
♥ 10 6 4  
♦ 3  
♣ K 7 5 4 2

♠ K 10 5  
♥ 7 5  
♦ 9 8 7 5  
♣ Q J 10 8

♠ Q 6 4 2  
♥ Q 9 2  
♦ A 6 4 2  
♣ 6 3

♠ 8 7  
♥ A K J 8 3  
♦ K Q J 10  
♣ A 9

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	All pass	3 ♦

**Lesson 4A**

South opens their longest suit and North bids 1 ♠ (4+ spades and 6+ HCP). **NB:** North must not bid 2 ♣ as this shows 10+HCP. South jumps to 3 ♦ to show 18-19 HCP with 5+ hearts and 4+ diamonds, so North can now bid to game in hearts.

Lead is ♣ Q.

Declarer draws trumps then plays on diamonds.

**Board 4**  
West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ 10 2  
♥ Q J 6 3  
♦ Q 7  
♣ Q J 10 7 2

♠ A J 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 3

♠ K 7  
♥ 7 4 2  
♦ K 8 5 3 2  
♣ K 9 8

♠ Q 9 3  
♥ K 9 8  
♦ J 10 6  
♣ A 6 5 4

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	All pass		

Lead: ♣ Q

**Lesson 3A**

West opens 1 ♠ and East, with no fit, bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. West prefers spades to notrumps, so now bids 2 ♠.

Lead is ♣ Q, top of a sequence.

Declarer draws trumps and then plays diamonds (their next longest suit).

**Board 8**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 9  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ 6 2  
♣ J 6 5 4 2

♠ A J 5  
♥ 10 9 7 6  
♦ Q 8 4 3  
♣ 9 3

♠ 10 4 3  
♥ A J 4 2  
♦ K J 10 5  
♣ 8 7

♠ 8 7 6 2  
♥ Q 5  
♦ A 9 7  
♣ A K Q 10

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	2 ♣	All pass	

Lead: ♥ 10

**Lesson 3A**

South opens 1 ♣ and North bids 2 ♣ with 6-9 and a fit.

South passes with a minimum hand.

♥ 10 is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and lead twice towards spade honours in North's hand.

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**Board 9**  
North Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 9 7  
♥ J 6 5  
♦ A K 8  
♣ A 9 8 4 3

♠ Q 10 4 2  
♥ K 9 8 2  
♦ 7 6 2  
♣ Q 2

♠ K 8 6  
♥ A 10 7  
♦ Q J 10 5  
♣ J 10 5

♠ A J 5 3  
♥ Q 4 3  
♦ 9 4 3  
♣ K 7 6

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 NT	Pass	Pass
Lead: ♦ Q			

**Lesson 5A**

North's 1 NT shows 12-14 HCP and a balanced hand. South has 10 HCP which is not enough for game so should pass (South needs 11-12 HCP to invite game).

The ♦ Q lead is the top of a sequence.

Declarer plays on the club suit by leading towards K♣ then a small club back to the Ace. Now lose a club to set up the last two clubs.

**Board 12**  
West Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ A 9 8  
♥ J 9 7 3 2  
♦ Q J 10  
♣ Q 8

♠ Q J 4 3 2  
♥ A K Q 10 6  
♦ 7 6  
♣ 3

♠ K 10 5  
♥ 5  
♦ A 9 3 2  
♣ A K 10 5 4

♠ 7 6  
♥ 8 4  
♦ K 8 5 4  
♣ J 9 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♠	All pass
Lead: ♦ Q			

**Lesson 4A**

West opens the higher ranking 5-card suit. East bids 2 ♣ and West rebids 2 ♥ showing a 2nd suit and at least 5 spades and 4 hearts. East bids to game in spades now knowing they have at least an eight card a fit.

The lead is top of a sequence.

After winning the ♦ A, West plays ♣ A and ♣ K first and discards a diamond in Dummy.

**Board 10**  
East Deals  
Both Vul

♠ K J 7 4  
♥ 3  
♦ 8 6 4 3  
♣ J 5 3 2

♠ 8 2  
♥ K Q 10 8 7 5  
♦ K Q  
♣ K 8 6

♠ A 9 6 5  
♥ A 4 2  
♦ J 7 5  
♣ A 9 7

♠ Q 10 3  
♥ J 9 6  
♦ A 10 9 2  
♣ Q 10 4

West	North	East	South
4 ♥	All pass	1 NT	Pass
Lead: ♠ 4			

**Lesson 5A**

East's 1 NT promises a balanced hand with 12-14 HCP. West knows that East has at least two hearts and therefore they have a heart fit so should bid 4 ♥

Lead of a small spade promises an honour.

Declarer draws trumps then plays the K♦ which promotes the Q and J. This means a club can be discarded on the J♦

**Board 11**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K J 5  
♥ 9 8 4 3  
♦ Q 10 5  
♣ Q 6 4

♠ 10 7  
♥ A 6 5  
♦ K 8 7 6 2  
♣ A K 5

♠ A Q 9 8 4  
♥ 7  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ 10 8 3 2

♠ 6 3 2  
♥ K Q J 10 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ J 9 7

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♠	All pass
Lead: ♥ K			

**Lesson 5A**

East does not like being in notrumps due to their singleton, so bids 2 ♠ to be in a better contract. West must pass as East's bid is a weakness takeout.

After West wins the Ace♥, play a small spade towards the AQ♠. If North plays low, play the Q♠. When this holds, play the A♠ then target the diamonds. Start with A♦, then K♦ then a small diamond.