

High-Level Bidding

1. Dealer West. East-West Vul

As West, what do you bid with the following hands?

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♦	4♠	5♦
?			

(a)

♠ QJ864
♥ AQ84
♦ 75
♣ K4

Pass

Nothing to say. The player who bids to game makes the decision

(b)

♠ AQJ874
♥ AK84
♦ 3
♣ K4

5♠

Extra distribution and expected to make

(c)

♠ AJT84
♥ 73
♦ KQ
♣ KQ63

X

We expect to beat 5♦ and not expected to make 5♠.

(d)

♠ AQJ87
♥ 2
♦ 753
♣ AQ63

5♠

We know partner has no more than one diamond. We are likely to make 5♠

2. Dealer West. East-West Vul

As South, what do you bid with the following hands?

West	North	East	South
1♥	3♣ <i>(weak)</i>	4♥	?

(a)

♠ A97
♥ QJ5
♦ Q84
♣ 8754

Pass

Too flat to bid 5♣. The hand has some good defensive cards against 4♥.

(b)

♠ AQ8764
♥ 92
♦ 43
♣ 875

4♠

Showing a long spade suit with some tolerance for clubs if partner is short in ♠

(c)

♠ A973
♥ 6
♦ 9764
♣ K863

5♣

Hand suitable for a sacrifice bid in clubs

(d)

♠ A973
♥ QJT8
♦ K84
♣ 73

X

At least three defensive tricks in your hand...and partner should help out with a trick.

3. Dealer West. All Vul

As West, what do you bid with the following hands?

West	North	East	South
1♦ ?	2♠ (weak)	X (4 hearts)	4♠
<p>(a)</p> <p>♠ 43 ♥ K5 ♦ AQ963 ♣ A984</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>(b)</p> <p>♠ 987 ♥ QJ43 ♦ AKQ98 ♣ J</p> <p>5♥</p>	<p>(c)</p> <p>♠ 4 ♥ A ♦ KQT965 ♣ AJT54</p> <p>5♣</p>	<p>(d)</p> <p>♠ QJT ♥ A4 ♦ AKT762 ♣ Q5</p> <p>X</p>
Not suitable for double or bidding to the 5 level	We know our partner will have no more than 1 spade. We hope to make	Distributional hand. We bid our second suit.	We have the tricks to defeat 4♠ even without help from our partner.

4. Dealer West. Nil Vul

As North, what do you bid with the following hands?

West	North	East	South
1♥ 5♥	1♠ ?	3♥	4♠
<p>(a)</p> <p>♠ AJT92 ♥ 6 ♦ K74 ♣ J764</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>(b)</p> <p>♠ KQ964 ♥ 65 ♦ Q5 ♣ A764</p> <p>Pass</p>	<p>(c)</p> <p>♠ AQ654 ♥ K83 ♦ 7 ♣ KQ92</p> <p>X</p>	<p>(d)</p> <p>♠ AT9843 ♥ - ♦ QJT64 ♣ 73</p> <p>5♠</p>
The 5 level belongs to the opponents. We have done well to push them there. We should not bid 5♠ just because we are short in hearts.	As with (a), we have bid high enough	We have enough potential tricks to defeat 5♥.	Distributional hand: a hand to declare rather than defend