

More on Doubles

For all the hands below, you are West. What do you bid after the opponents have opened and what does partner bid? Describe what your bid means.

1.	<u>South</u> 1♥	<u>West</u> ?	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	
	<p>West (you)</p> <p>♠ AK32</p> <p>♥ 54</p> <p>♦ KQ109</p> <p>♣ Q103</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">X</p>	<p>East (partner)</p> <p>♠ Q1065</p> <p>♥ Q32</p> <p>♦ AJ84</p> <p>♣ J7</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">2♠</p>			<p>West makes a takeout double to show an opening hand with support for the other 3 suits. Partner bids 2♠ to show 10-12 HCP and 4+ spades.</p>
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2.	<u>South</u> 1♣	<u>West</u> ?	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	
	<p>West (you)</p> <p>♠ KQ105</p> <p>♥ KQ87</p> <p>♦ 1097</p> <p>♣ AK</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">1NT</p>	<p>East (partner)</p> <p>♠ AJ8432</p> <p>♥ 65</p> <p>♦ A53</p> <p>♣ 108</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">4♠</p>			<p>West should not double. The correct bid is an overcall of 1NT showing 16-18 HCP, balanced with a club stopper. Partner will jump to 4♠ as they know you have at least 2 spades</p>
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3.	<u>South</u> 1♥	<u>West</u> ?	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	
	<p>West (you)</p> <p>♠ AK1063</p> <p>♥ 103</p> <p>♦ AKJ4</p> <p>♣ K7</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">X</p>	<p>East (partner)</p> <p>♠ Q94</p> <p>♥ 7</p> <p>♦ 8732</p> <p>♣ AJ1093</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">2♣</p>			<p>West is too strong to overcall spades, so should double first. East bids 2♣ (0-9 HCP to show their best suit). West now bids 2♠ to show 16+HCP and 5+ spades. With a fit and shortage in hearts, East now bids 4♠</p>

4. South West North East
 1♠ ?

West (you)

♠ 63
 ♥ A1092
 ♦ KQJ10
 ♣ KJ8

X

East (partner)

♠ AK2
 ♥ 643
 ♦ 742
 ♣ Q942

1NT

West makes a takeout double, showing an opening hand with support for the other 3 suits. Partner bids 1NT (6-9 HCP and at least one spade stop).

5. South West North East
 2♣ ?
 Stayman

West (you)

♠ 63
 ♥ 102
 ♦ A1082
 ♣ KQJ86

X

East (partner)

♠ AK72
 ♥ 643
 ♦ 74
 ♣ 10942

3♣

West's double of the artificial club bid, shows 5+ good clubs. East can bid 3♣ after North bids. If EW are defending, East now knows to lead a club.

6. South West North East
 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass
 4♠ ?
 Stayman

West (you)

♠ KQ109
 ♥ A65
 ♦ 954
 ♣ A82

X

East (partner)

♠ 5
 ♥ 843
 ♦ J762
 ♣ QJ543

Pass

West cannot double initially with length in the opener's suit and not enough points to bid 1NT. West's double of 4♠ is now for penalties. West must have good trumps and a couple of outside winners.

7. South West North East
 1NT ?
 (12-14)

West (you)

♠ Q109
 ♥ AK5
 ♦ QJ98
 ♣ A102

X

East (partner)

♠ 53
 ♥ Q432
 ♦ K62
 ♣ Q943

Pass

West's double is for penalties and East should pass. East should only bid with a 5+ card suit and a very weak hand (0-5 HCP).