

# Stayman

1. You are **West** and in each case open 1NT (12-14HCP). There is no interference by the opposition. What is your bid for each hand?

(a)  
 ♠ AQ74  
 ♥ K6  
 ♦ AJ62  
 ♣ 752

**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♠

(b)  
 ♠ AQ74  
 ♥ K632  
 ♦ AJ6  
 ♣ 75

**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♥

(c)  
 ♠ K74  
 ♥ Q83  
 ♦ AJ62  
 ♣ Q92

**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♦

(d)  
 ♠ AQ74  
 ♥ J63  
 ♦ KQJ4  
 ♣ 102

**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♠

2. Using the same hands as above, what is your rebid after your partner bids as follows?

(a)  
**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♠    2NT  
 3NT

(b)  
**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♥    2NT  
 4♠

(c)  
**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♦    2NT  
 Pass

(d)  
**West**    **East**  
 1NT    2♣  
 2♠    3♠  
 4♠

(b) Partner's 2♣ promises a major. The 2NT rebid must mean responder has spades. They do not need to bid 2♠ to show their spade suit.

3. You are **West** and your partner opens 1NT (12-14HCP). You use Stayman. After the following responses, what are your rebids?

(a)  
 ♠ A8432  
 ♥ J632  
 ♦ 83  
 ♣ 76

**West**    **East**  
           1NT  
 2♣    2♦  
 2♠

(b)  
 ♠ K874  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ AQ83  
 ♣ Q76

**West**    **East**  
           1NT  
 2♣    2♥  
 2NT

(c)  
 ♠ K874  
 ♥ 92  
 ♦ AQ83  
 ♣ Q92

**West**    **East**  
           1NT  
 2♣    2♠  
 3♠

(d)  
 ♠ A6  
 ♥ KJ73  
 ♦ A842  
 ♣ J76

**West**    **East**  
           1NT  
 2♣    2♦  
 3NT

(a) See Q.4 below

4. In problem 3(a) above, was West correct in bidding 2♣ with only 5 high card points?

Explain your answer.

Yes. Use Stayman with a weak hand with five of one major and at least four cards in the other.

This is why in examples 2(b) and 3(b), we respond 2NT and not 2♠

5. In these two hands, you are **West**. What is your first bid in each auction?

(a)	(b)
♠ AQ63	♠ 863
♥ 84	♥ Q4
♦ K73	♦ 973
♣ 10964	♣ KQ762

<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>East</b>
	2NT		2NT
<b>3♣</b>		<b>3NT</b>	

6. What is your response to partner's 1NT overcall

(a)			
♠ AQ63	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
♥ 84		1♦	1NT
♦ K73	<b>2♣</b>		Pass
♣ 10964			

(b)			
♠ 963	<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>
♥ 102		1♥	1NT
♦ 954	<b>Pass</b>		Pass
♣ QJ1085			

(b) You cannot bid 2♣ as this would be Stayman. There are not enough points to bid 3♣