

INTERMEDIATE LESSON 3: STUDENT NOTES

Escape over 1NT Doubled

Responder's Actions

Pass willing to play 1NT doubled, shows 8+ HCP

XX Shows any single suited hand, 5+ suit

- opener must bid 2♣ (if the opposition have passed)
- responder then passes with clubs or bids their long suit

2♣ Shows clubs and a higher suit, 4/4 shape

- opener passes with 3+ clubs or
- bids their next 3+ suit (with a doubleton club)

2♦ Shows diamonds and a higher suit, 4/4 shape

- opener passes with 3+ diamonds or
- bids their next 3+ suit (with a doubleton diamond)

2♥ Shows hearts and spades, 4/4 shape

- opener chooses their longer major

2♠ Shows 5+ spades, slightly better hand than going through XX

General Principles

- If the opponents bid a suit at any time, pass with relief!
- It is important to understand, when responder shows two 4-card suits, that the partnership is looking for a 4-3 or better fit.
- Opener only bids if they have a doubleton in partner's 1st bid suit. Exception: when responder shows both majors with 2♥
- If responder has a five **and** a four card suit, it is better to XX to show the five card suit, rather than trying to show both suits.

Example hands and bidding

1.	West 1NT	North X	East ?		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	♠ 102	♠ K3	♠ 9	♠ Q65	♠ J642
	♥ J43	♥ 1065	♥ J1065	♥ J1072	♥ J1085
	♦ Q10986	♦ Q974	♦ 1094	♦ Q974	♦ Q97
	♣ K86	♣ K632	♣ QJ863	♣ 92	♣ 98
	XX	Pass	XX	2♦	2♥
	Opener bids 2♣ then you bid 2♦	Happy	Opener bids 2♣ then you pass	Opener passes with 3+♦ or bids 2♥ with 3+♥	Opener chooses a major

2.	(a)		(b)
	West	East	West
	♠ AJ3	♠ 1082	♠ AJ73
	♥ K432	♥ J6	♥ K432
	♦ K763	♦ Q854	♦ K76
	♣ K8	♣ J762	♣ K8
	1NT (X)	2♣ (P)	1NT (X)
	2♦ all pass		2♦ (P)
			2♥ all pass

3.	(a)		(b)
	West	East	West
	♠ AJ3	♠ 10982	♠ AJ7
	♥ K4	♥ J876	♥ K432
	♦ K763	♦ Q85	♦ K7
	♣ K873	♣ J9	♣ K832
	1NT (X)	2♥ (P)	1NT (X)
	2♠ all pass		2♦ (P)
			2♠ all pass