

Bidding Problems After Partner
Makes a Negative Double

Quick Review of The Negative Double

- A negative double occurs when the opening bid is a one-level suit bid... the next player makes a suit bid... and the responder doubles.
- The responder's double is conventional showing support for the unbid suits, with an emphasis on the unbid major suits.

Problem Example 1

♠ K Q 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ J 9 3
♣ A K 4 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♥	double	pass

There's no good bid with this hand.

- 1 ♠ partner will think you have 4 spades.
- 1 nt partner will think you have a heart stopper.

Best option 1 ♠.

Problem Example 2

♠ 10 9 2
♥ J 3 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ A K 4 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♥	dbler	pass

There's no good bid with this hand.

- 1 ♠ partner will think you have 4 spades.
- 1 nt partner will think you have a heart stopper.

Best option 1 nt. Partner might have Q x.

Problem Example 3

♠ 9 3 2
♥ Q 3 2
♦ A J 4
♣ A K 4 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	1 ♠	double	pass

There's no good bid with this hand.

- 2 ♥ partner will think you have 4.
- 1 nt does not seem the best choice.

Problem Example 4

♠ K Q 10 9 2
♥ 9 3 2
♦ A Q
♣ Q 4 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	2 ♥	dbler	pass

There's no good bid with this hand.

- 2 ♠ partner will think you have 6.
- But that is the best option, with a good suit.
- Responder should have 8 or 9 points.

Problem Example 5

♠ Q 10 9 4 2
♥ Q J 2
♦ A Q
♣ Q 4 3

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	2 ♥	dbler	pass

There's no good bid with this hand.

- 2 nt. If partner has a minimum for the bid, 2nt will be difficult..
- But that is the best option, without a good suit.
- Responder should have 8.

Problem Bidding with Extra Values

1 ♠...2 ♦...dble

Hand A

♠ K J 10 9 2

♥ A 2

♦ 9 6

♣ A J 4 3

3 ♣

Hand B

♠ K Q J 10 9

♥ A Q 9 4

♦ 9 6

♣ A Q

4 ♥

Hand C

♠ K Q J 10 9

♥ A 2

♦ 9 6

♣ A K J 4

3 ♦

Western

Cue

More Problems With Extra Values

1 ♠...2 ♦...double

Hand D

♠ K10 9 8 2

♥ A 2

♦ A 9 6

♣ A J 4 3

2 nt

Hand E

♠ K Q J 10 9

♥ A 9 4

♦ A J 9

♣ K 10

3 nt

Hand F

♠ K J 10 9 7

♥ Q 2

♦ A K J 6

♣ A 7

Pass

Penalty

double