

Two Bidding Quizzes

Answers and Explanations
With Examples

True-False Slam Bidding Quiz

- Your job is to determine if the following sentences are true or false.
- You are playing Roman Key-Card Blackwood, 1430 version.

Statement 1

- Holding 5 key cards without the queen of the agreed trump suit, your response to 4 no trump is 5 ♥.

Opener's hand

♠ A K 3

♥ A K 6

♦ A J 9 5

♣ A 9 8

Opener

2 ♣

2nt

3 ♥

5 ♥

6 ♦

You

2 ♦

3 ♦

4nt

5nt

7nt

Your hand

♠ 4

♥ Q J 10 9 7 3

♦ K 5 3

♣ K Q 3

Statement 2

- When partner asks for key cards and you have a void, you can bid as if that void was an ace.
- This is **False!**

To Show a Useful Void After 4 No Trump

- With an even number of key cards, usually 2, bid 5nt.
- With an odd number of key cards, 1 or 3,
 - Bid six of the void suit, if it is below the agreed trump suit.
 - Bid six of the trump suit if the useful void is above the trump suit.

Some Examples

Example 2

♠ Q 10 4 2

♥ K 10 7 3



♣ A Q 7 4 3

- Hearts are trump
- Partner bids 4nt.
- Your response:
5nt.

Example 3

♠ Q 10 4 2

♥ K 10 7 3



♣ A Q 7 4 3

- Spades are trump
- Partner bids 4nt.
- Your response:
6 ♦.

One More Example

Example 4

♠

♥ Q J 7 3

♦ K Q 4 2

♣ A Q 7 4 3

- Hearts are trump
- Partner bids 4nt.
- Your response:
6 ♥.

Statement 3

- A cue bid after a trump suit agreement always shows first-round control of the suit bid.
- This is **False!**

Control Showing Cue Bids

- Any new suit bid after a trump suit agreement:
 - At the 3-level above the trump suit
 - At the 4-level below the trump suitShows first or second round control.
- First-round control
 - Ace
 - Void
- Second-round control
 - King
 - singleton

Control Showing Cue Bids

- Any new suit bid after a trump suit agreement:
 - At the 4-level above the agreed trump suit
 - At the 5- levelShows first round control.

Statement4

- After a trump-suit agreement, a direct bid of 5 no trump is asking for kings.
- This is **False!**

A Direct Bid of 5 No Trump

- Usually means a Grand Slam Force.
 - Responders are to bid 7 of the agreed trump suit, if they hold 2 of the top three honors in the trump suit.
 - Holding less than two of the top three honors, they are to bid 6 of the agreed trump suit.

Some Examples

Example 5

♠ A K J 10 4 2

♥ K 10 8

♦ A 2

♣ 8 5

Responder's hand

♠ Q 9 7 5

♥ A 3

♦

♣ A K Q 10 7 4 3

Opener	Responder
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1 ♠	
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	2nt
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3 ♠	
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	5nt
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7 ♠	
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Quiz 2: They Might be in Trouble

- How would you handle this situation?

Partner RHO You *15-18

1 ♥ 1nt* ??

I will show you some hands. You tell me what you would bid.

Example 6

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ K J 4

♥ 8 3

♦ A J 6 5 3

♣ Q 8 5

- Double!
- You have 10 points.
- You are sitting behind the no trump bidder.
- You know the no trump bidder's partner has no more than 2 or 3 points.

Example 7

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ K J 10 8 5 3

♥ 3

♦ J 9 6 5

♣ 10 5

- 2 ♠!
- Because you did not double, partner knows you have fewer than 10 points.
- And you'll have a good suit.

Example 8

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ A 3

♥ 10 8 6 3

♦ J 9 6 5

♣ 10 9 5

- 2 ♥!
- Don't let them buffalo you.
- 4-card support is worth an extra point.

Example 9

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ A J 3

♥ K 6 3

♦ Q 6 5

♣ 10 9 5 3

- Double!
- Yes, you have a fit, but don't pass up the big score.
- 2 ♥ is for sissies. You'd probably make it,
- But 1nt should be down two or three.

Example 10

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ 3

♥ K10 6 3

♦ K 10 8 6 5

♣ 10 9 5

- 3 ♥!
- Preemptive.
- Use the law.
- Partner knows you are weak.
- Partner will expect you to have 4 hearts and good distribution.

Example 11

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand
♠ A K 9 5 3
♥ 10
♦ K J 10 4
♣ 9 5 3

- Double!
- Don't be sucked into 2 ♠.
- Go for the kill.
- With 11 points, you might have a game.
- But that is a long way from certain.
- 1nt is in for a real bad time.

Example 12

Partner	RHO	You
1 ♥	1nt	??

Your hand

♠ J 5 3

♥ 10 5

♦ Q J 7 6 4

♣ J 5 3

- Pass!
- When you don't have anything, pass is best.
- It is probably their hand.