

DOUBLES – Responding to Partner’s Take Out Doubles - SESSION 7

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Look at the two auctions below:

	LHO	Partner	RHO	You
1)	1D	X	Pass	?
2)	1D	X	1H	?

Here is your hand (spades first, then hearts, diamonds & clubs):

9 7 5 3 6 4 2 8 7 J 6 5 4

What is your bid in auction #1? _____

Auction #2? _____

Why the difference? _____

What if your hand looked like this?

K 9 7 5 6 4 2 Q 8 J 6 5 4

Your bid in auction #1? _____

Auction #2? _____

In auction #2, *where you are not forced to bid*, to make any bid other than a pass, you should have 5+ points. Gee, you would like to bid one spade, since you have 7 points and a four-card spade suit, but you need 5 spades to bid a spade. Guess you will never know if you have a spade fit, huh? _____ (please write “no,” in the blank, and then tell how you will let partner know you have exactly four spades and 5+ points: _____)

What if your hand looked like this instead?

A K 9 7 5 6 4 2 Q 8 Q 6 5 4

What is your bid in auction #1? _____

Auction #2? _____

Anytime you have _____ points, you should jump a level in your suit after partner’s takeout double.