

UNBLOCKING (Ref: Baloney Bill)

What is unblocking? _____

Want some examples? Yes ____ No thanks. You are full of baloney! ____

OK, example #1: You open 1 NT, and everyone passes. Who is the declarer? _____

The opening lead is the 7 of spades, which you take with your Ace.

You would like to take 4 diamond tricks; **how should you proceed?** Your hands are shown below (partner on top):

Spades 8 3
Hearts J 9 3
Diamonds Q J 10 4 3
Clubs A 8 3

Spades A K 9 5
Hearts 8 5 4 2
Diamonds K 2
Clubs K Q 2

Hand #2. North (top) deals. Each hand shows spades, hearts, diamonds and clubs, in that order.

	K Q 2	
	A 9 7 4	
	A Q 4 2	
	Q 10 9	
10 9 8 5		4
K J 10		8 3 2
8 5 3		K J 7 6 2
A 7 2		K 5 4 3
	A J 7 6 3	
	Q 6 5	
	10 8	
	J 8 6	

The bidding: 1NT - P - 2H - P - 2S - P - 2NT - P - 3NT - P - P - P

Best lead by East? _____ (no fair looking at partner's hand....)

Hand #3. East opens the bidding with 2 NT. South passes. West thinks about bidding 6 NT, but decides to bid 3NT, followed by passes. South leads the spade Queen.

	K 2	
	6 5 3	
	A 2	
	Q 10 9 8 6 2	
8 4 3		A 9
J 10 8		A K Q 9
K Q J 10 8 7		9 6 4
5		A K J 7
	Q J 10 7 6 5	
	7 4 2	
	5 3	
	4 3	

Declarer plays the 3 from dummy. North, thinking about East's 2NT opening bid and noting the huge diamond suit on the board, thinks E/W will likely make 4 or 5 NT, unless he _____ the spade suit.

What card does north play on partner's spade Queen? _____

How does that work out?