

Play in a Suit Contract

In all questions below, you are West as the declarer. North makes the opening Lead. Unless indicated, there has been no interference by the opposition.

1. a) What do you play from your hand at trick 2? b) What is your plan after trick 2?

| West | East | Bidding | West | East |
|---------|----------|---------|-----------------------------------|------|
| ♠ AQ743 | ♠ KJ6 | | 1♠ | 2♥ |
| ♥ K7 | ♥ AQJT42 | | 2♣ | 4♠ |
| ♦ J | ♦ Q3 | | North leads ♦A followed by the ♦K | |
| ♣ QJ72 | ♣ T93 | | | |

a) Ruff the second round of diamonds

b) Draw trumps then play the ♥K and over to dummy's hearts.

You should now make eleven tricks for a top board!

2. What is your plan and which card do you lead at trick two?

| West | East | Bidding | West | East |
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| ♠ A62 | ♠ J4 | | 1♥ | 1NT |
| ♥ KQJT4 | ♥ 976 | | 2♣ | 3♥ |
| ♦ 9 | ♦ AJ84 | | 4♥ | All Pass |
| ♣ QJT2 | ♣ K965 | | North leads ♦K. | |

Win the ♦A, then lose a spade before touching trumps. When in again, play the ♠A then ruff a spade before drawing trumps.

3. What is your plan? Which card do you play at the first trick ? Which suit do you play at trick 2 ?

| West | East | Bidding | West | East |
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| ♠ QJ843 | ♠ K762 | | | 1NT |
| ♥ J4 | ♥ Q76 | | 3♠ | 4♠ |
| ♦ K5 | ♦ AQ87 | | North leads ♦J | |
| ♣ KQ92 | ♣ J10 | | | |

You have four potential losers (one spade, two hearts and a club). Your only chance is to win the ♦K, cross to the ♦AQ and discard a heart loser on the third diamond.

4. What is your plan ? Which suit do you play at trick two and why ?

| West | | East | | Bidding | West | East |
|------|-------|------|------|---------|----------------|----------|
| ♠ | K3 | ♠ | A965 | | 1♥ | 1♠ |
| ♥ | AQT53 | ♥ | KJ4 | | 1NT | 3♥ |
| ♦ | A84 | ♦ | 7632 | | 4♥ | All pass |
| ♣ | K54 | ♣ | Q2 | | North leads ♠Q | |

This is similar to question two. Play on clubs to ruff the third round, before drawing trumps

5. These are your trump suits. When you play trumps, how many rounds should you play?

| | West | East |
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| a) | ♠ AK843 | ♠ Q752 |

Two rounds only as it is likely the trumps break 2-2

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| b.) | ♠ AK84 | ♠ 9742 |
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Two rounds only and leave the best trump out

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| c) | ♠ AKQ6 | ♠ 854 |
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Three rounds only, unless you have to ruff a card in dummy first
