

# The Match Game

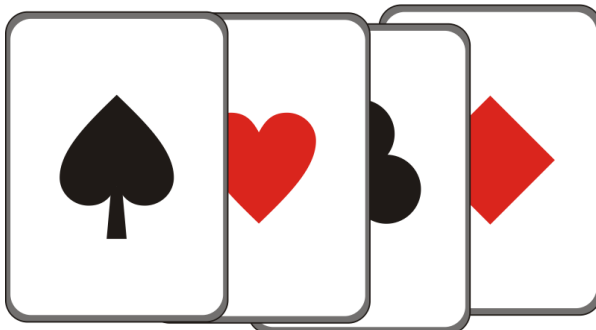
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Bidding describes two features of your hand to your partner: *Strength & Shape*.

Every bid you make should tell your partner something about your hand they don't already know and something that is useful for them to know. When you hold a strong hand, it becomes very important for partner to know your shape. *Shapely* hands are those that are two-suited ...5-6, 6-4, 6-5 and 6-6 are unusual and need to be expressed to partner and even some three-suited hands should be fully described IF your hand is strong.

On the following hands match the hand on the right with Opener's (North) bidding in the auctions on the left.

	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>		
1.	1♠ 2♥ 3♠	1NT 2NT	A.	♠AQJ7 ♥J5 ♦QJ103 ♣K93
2.	1♠ 2♥ 3♣	2♣ 2NT	B.	♠AKQx ♥J5 ♦AQ85 ♣K63
3.	1♦ 2NT	1♥	C.	♠AK52 ♥KQ953 ♦5 ♣AQJ
4.	1♦ 1♠	1♥	D.	♠AQ9432 ♥J1073 ♦— ♣AK6
5.	1♥ 3♣	2♦	E.	♠Q43 ♥AKQ107 ♦6 ♣KQJ10
6.	1♥ 2♠ 3♣	2♣ 2NT	F.	♠AQ943 ♥J1073 ♦8 ♣AK6

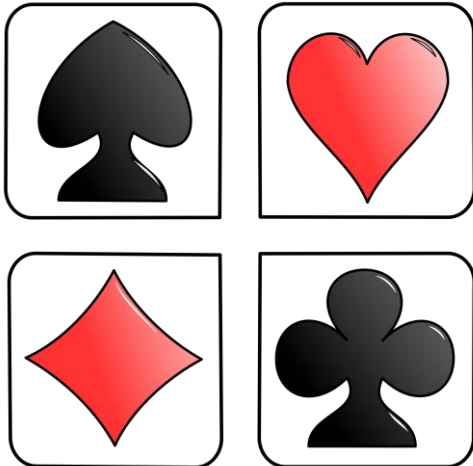


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On the following hands match the hand on the right with Responder's (South) bidding in the auctions on the left. Just remember, the auction may not be over!!

	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>		
1.	1NT 2♦	2♣ 2♥	A.	♠AQJ532 ♥KJ85 ♦74 ♣6
2.	1NT 2♥	2♦ 2♠	B.	♠Q7432 ♥9653 ♦53 ♣52
3.	1NT 2♠	2♥ Pass	C.	♠Q9654 ♥AJ765 ♦87 ♣4
4.	1NT 2♠	2♥ 3♥	D.	♠QJ53 ♥J1095 ♦2 ♣8543
5.	1NT 2♦	2♣ 4♥	E.	♠KQ942 ♥AQ743 ♦75 ♣3
6.	1NT 2♦	2♣ 3♥	F.	♠AJ843 ♥KQJ4 ♦Q7 ♣J10



## ANSWERS

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1. D – always show hearts, but rebid spades later to show extras
2. F – this shows a fragment – playing 3NT is still in the picture
3. B – must show your points – play checkback to find out if there is a spade fit
4. A – this hand shows spades without extras
5. E – shows extras – can bid 2NT with less
6. C – over 2♣ by responder, the 2♠ rebid by opener is not a reverse

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1. D – find your 4-3 major suit fit, which will be better than 1NT more often
2. C – this is an invitational sequence
3. C – just transfer to your 5-card suit
4. E – this sequence is game forcing
5. A – this is a delayed Texas transfer
6. F – this is Smolen