

# Overtaking and Unblocking by the Defence

1. Defence can afford to overtake King in case it is a singleton <http://tinyurl.com/lg7dpb2>
2. If Queen is played, partner wins King and returns Jack – West can afford to overtake <http://tinyurl.com/lg7dpb2>
- 2a. But if declarer plays low from dummy, partner wins Jack, returns King, West cannot afford to overtake or declarer gets a 9<sup>th</sup> trick <http://tinyurl.com/l53vprf>
- 3 and 3a. Whether or not Ace is played, East must unblock King at trick one. <http://tinyurl.com/m842vee> <http://tinyurl.com/m5cf68r>
4. There is only one heart available, so overtake so you can lead into dummy's weakness. Otherwise declarer makes 12 tricks <http://tinyurl.com/kov5doa>
5. The lead makes it clear that there is only one heart trick available to the defence, so overtake to lead into dummy's weakness. Lead higher than the highest card in dummy. <http://tinyurl.com/mlzromp>