

## Showing your Shape

How to show your partner your distribution  
by the way you bid your suits

How to interpret your partner's bidding

Each time you bid a suit, you are showing  
extra length in that suit:

Generally:

- 1<sup>st</sup> bid 4+ cards
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bid 5+ cards
- 3<sup>rd</sup> bid 6+ cards, etc

How would you bid the following hand?

West ♠ Q 5 ♥ A Q 7 4 ♦ K J 5 4 ♣ Q J 10 (15pts)	East
1 ♥ 1NT (15-16pts)	1 ♠

	West	East	
4+ spades	1 ♠	2 ♦	4+ diamonds 0-3 spades 10+ pts
5+ spades 4+ hearts	2 ♥	2NT	0-2 spades 0-3 hearts (10-12 pts)
5+ spades 5+ hearts	3 ♥	4 ♥	Probably 3 hearts 0-2 spades
	Pass		

West	East
♠ A Q J 10 5	♠ 2
♥ A Q J 4 2	♥ K 5 3
♦ 2	♦ K J 8 4 3
♣ J 6	♣ A 5 4 2
1♠	2♦
2♥	2NT
3♥	4♥
Pass	

	West	East	
4+ spades	1♠	2♦	4+ diamonds 0-3 spades (10+ pts)
5+ spades 4+ hearts	2♥	2NT	0-2 spades 0-3 hearts (10-12 pts)
6+ spades 4+ hearts	3♠	4♠	Probably 2 spades
	Pass		

West	East
♠ A Q J 9 8 5	♠ 10 2
♥ A Q J 4	♥ K 2
♦ 2	♦ K J 8 4 3
♣ J 6	♣ A 5 4 2
1♠	2♦
2♥	2NT
3♠	4♠
Pass	

**Opener's rebid after responder bids a new suit or bids 1NT**

- With a minimum hand (12-15)
  - Raise partner's suit to the lowest level available with 4-card support.
  - Bid a new 4 card suit (if below the two level of the first suit)
  - Rebid the original suit at the two level (5+ cards)
  - Pass 1NT with a balanced hand (12-16 pts)
- With a medium hand (16-18)
  - Raise partner's major suit, jumping a level
  - Bid a new 4 card suit (even if above the two level of the first suit – a reverse)
  - Bid 2NT with a balanced hand (see ranges over)
  - Raise partner's minor suit, jumping a level
  - Rebid the original suit at the three level (6 card suit)
- With a maximum hand (19-20)
  - Raise partner's major suit, jumping to game
  - Bid 3NT with a balanced hand (see range over)
  - Bid a new 4-card suit, jumping a level if necessary to break the 2-level barrier of the original suit (i.e. reverse or jump-shift)
  - Rebid the original suit, jumping to game (in a major)
  - Raise partner's minor suit, jumping 2 levels

	West	East	
4+ diamonds	1♦	1♠	4+ spades (6+ pts)
5+ diamonds 4+ hearts 16+ pts!	2♥	2NT	4+ spades 0-3 hearts 0-2 diamonds
<b>6+ diamonds</b> 5+ hearts	3♥	4♥	3 hearts
	Pass		

West	East
♠ A 3	♠ Q J 10 2
♥ A Q J 4 2	♥ K 10 2
♦ K Q 10 9 7 2	♦ 5 3
♣ ---	♣ A 5 4 2
1♦	1♠
2♥	2NT
3♥	4♥
Pass	

To show your distribution:

- 5:4 A,B
- 5:5 or 6:5 or 6:6 A,B,B
- 6:4 A,B,A