

Beginners' Lesson 2 (Option A): 1-level Opening Bids

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A J
♥ A J 9 7 5 4
♦ A K
♣ Q 5 4

♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ Q 3
♦ J 9 5 2
♣ 10 8 7

N	E
W	S

♠ 9 6 4
♥ 10
♦ Q 7 6 4 3
♣ A J 6 2

♠ K 8 5 3
♥ K 8 6 2
♦ 10 8
♣ K 9 3

West: Pass
North: 1♥
East: Pass
South: 2♥

Lead: ♦ 3

North opens 1♥. South bids 2♥ showing 4 hearts and 6-9 HCP.

North raises to game with a strong hand.

The lead of a small diamond by East is from their longest and strongest suit.

North should draw trumps as soon as possible.

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

♠ Q 10 8 7 5 3
♥ 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ K Q 4

♠ A J 6 2
♥ A 8 6 5
♦ 9 6 5
♣ A 10

N	E
W	S

♠ 9
♥ K Q J 7 4
♦ K Q J 4 2
♣ 9 7

♠ K 4
♥ 10 9 3
♦ A 7
♣ J 8 6 5 3 2

West: 4♥
North: All pass
East: 1♥
South: Pass

Lead: ♣ 2

East opens 1♥ and West bids 4♥ having 4 trumps and 13 HCP.

South's lead of a small club is from their longest and strongest suit.

East should draw trumps and set up their next longest suit, which is diamonds.

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

♠ J 7 6
♥ K 10 9
♦ 10 7 5
♣ A 10 9 7

♠ 10 9 4
♥ Q 8 7 4 2
♦ A J
♣ 8 6 5

N	E
W	S

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ A 6 5 3
♦ 3 2
♣ Q J 2

♠ A K 8
♥ J
♦ K Q 9 8 6 4
♣ K 4 3

West: Pass
North: 1NT
East: Pass
South: 1♦

Lead: ♥ 2

South opens 1♦. North bids 1NT showing 6-9 HCP and no 4 card support in diamonds.

South bids 2♦, preferring to play in their long suit.

Lead is a small from the longest and strongest suit..

South should draw trumps then play clubs (their next longest suit)

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A 10 8 7
♦ A K 10
♣ 10 5 3

♠ A Q J 9 8 5
♥ 4
♦ 9 8 5
♣ K Q 6

N	E
W	S

♠ K 4 3
♥ K J 6 5
♦ J 7 6
♣ J 9 2

♠ 6
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 4 3 2
♣ A 8 7 4

West: 1♠
North: Pass
East: 1NT
South: Pass

Lead: ♦ A

West opens their longest suit. East bids 1NT with 6-9 HCP and no fit in spades.

West rebids 2♠ to show 5+ spades and an unbalanced hand.

The♦ A lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps then play clubs (their next longest suit)

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul

♠ A Q 8 3
♥ 10 6 3
♦ 9
♣ A K Q J 3

♠ 9 6 2
♥ J 8 4 2
♦ A Q 8 7 3
♣ 4

N	E
W	S

♠ 10 7 4
♥ K 9 5
♦ K 10 6 5 4
♣ 10 5

♠ K J 5
♥ A Q 7
♦ J 2
♣ 9 8 7 6 2

West: Pass
North: 1♣
East: Pass
South: 3♣

Lead: ♦ 4

North opens 1♣ and South bids 3♣ showing 4+ clubs and enough to invite to game.

North, with 16 HCP, bids to game.

East's lead is small from their longest and strongest.

Draw trumps then play spades to discard a small heart on the fourth spade.

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ 10 8 7
♦ Q 10 8 6
♣ A K 8 7

♠ A K 10 7
♥ 6 2
♦ 7 4
♣ Q J 10 9 6

N	E
W	S

♠ Q 9 8 4 3
♥ K Q 4 3
♦ A J
♣ 4 3

♠ J 6
♥ A J 9 5
♦ K 9 5 3 2
♣ 5 2

West: 3♠
North: All pass
East: 1♠
South: Pass

Lead: ♦ 2

East opens 1♠ and West bids 3♠ (showing 4+ spades and enough to invite to game).

East, with a minimum hand, passes.

South's lead is small from their longest and strongest

Draw trumps then play clubs (their next longest suit)

Board 7
South Deals
Both Vul

♠ A 7 2
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 6

♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 9 4
♦ 9 7 5
♣ A J 4 2

N	E
W	S

♠ K 6 5 3
♥ Q 8
♦ 10 6 3 2
♣ 10 8 3

♠ 9 4
♥ A K 7 6 2
♦ A J 8
♣ 9 7 5

West: Pass
North: 4♥
East: Pass
South: 1♥

Lead: ♠ Q

South opens 1♥ and North raises to 4♥ with 15 points and 4 of partner's suit.

The ♠ Q lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps first before playing the other suits. When playing on the clubs, play twice towards North's honours.

Board 8
West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 7
♥ J 10 8
♦ 9 7 5 4
♣ A 10 8 7

♠ A Q 6 5 4
♥ A 2
♦ A 3 2
♣ 9 3 2

N	E
W	S

♠ K 10 9 8
♥ Q 6 5 3
♦ K 10
♣ K Q 4

♠ 3 2
♥ K 9 7 4
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ J 6 5

West: 1♠
North: Pass
East: 4♠
South: Pass

Lead: ♥ J

West opens 1♠ and East raises to 4♠ with an opening hand and support for partner's suit.

The ♥ J lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps then lead from West's hand towards the club honours twice.