

Stayman

1. You are **West** and in each case open 1NT (12-14HCP). There is no interference by the opposition. What is your bid for each hand?

(a)
 ♠ AQ74
 ♥ K6
 ♦ AJ62
 ♣ 752

West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♠

(b)
 ♠ AQ74
 ♥ K632
 ♦ AJ6
 ♣ 75

West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♥

(c)
 ♠ K74
 ♥ Q83
 ♦ AJ62
 ♣ Q92

West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♦

(d)
 ♠ AQ74
 ♥ J63
 ♦ KQJ4
 ♣ 102

West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♠

2. Using the same hands as above, what is your rebid after your partner bids as follows?

(a)
West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♠ 2NT
 3NT

(b)
West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♥ 2NT
 4♠

(c)
West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♦ 2NT
 Pass

(d)
West **East**
 1NT 2♣
 2♠ 3♠
 4♠

(b) Partner's 2♣ promises a major. The 2NT rebid must mean responder has spades. They do not need to bid 2♠ to show their spade suit.

3. You are **West** and your partner opens 1NT (12-14HCP). You use Stayman. After the following responses, what are your rebids?

(a)
 ♠ A8432
 ♥ J632
 ♦ 83
 ♣ 76

West **East**
 1NT
 2♣ 2♦
 2♠

(b)
 ♠ K874
 ♥ 92
 ♦ AQ83
 ♣ Q76

West **East**
 1NT
 2♣ 2♥
 2NT

(c)
 ♠ K874
 ♥ 92
 ♦ AQ83
 ♣ Q92

West **East**
 1NT
 2♣ 2♠
 3♠

(d)
 ♠ A6
 ♥ KJ73
 ♦ A842
 ♣ J76

West **East**
 1NT
 2♣ 2♦
 3NT

(a) See Q.4 below

4. In problem 3(a) above, was West correct in bidding 2♣ with only 5 high card points?

Explain your answer.

Yes. Use Stayman with a weak hand with five of one major and at least four cards in the other.

This is why in examples 2(b) and 3(b), we respond 2NT and not 2♠

5. In these two hands, you are **West**. What is your first bid in each auction?

<p>(a)</p> <p>♠ AQ63</p> <p>♥ 84</p> <p>♦ K73</p> <p>♣ 10964</p>	<p>(b)</p> <p>♠ 863</p> <p>♥ Q4</p> <p>♦ 973</p> <p>♣ KQ762</p>
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<p>West East</p> <p> 2NT</p> <p>3♣</p>	<p>West East</p> <p> 2NT</p> <p>3NT</p>
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6. What is your response to partner's 1NT overcall

<p>(a)</p> <p>♠ AQ63</p> <p>♥ 84</p> <p>♦ K73</p> <p>♣ 10964</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p> 1♦ 1NT Pass</p> <p>2♣</p>
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<p>(b)</p> <p>♠ 963</p> <p>♥ 102</p> <p>♦ 954</p> <p>♣ QJ1085</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p> 1♥ 1NT Pass</p> <p>Pass</p>
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(b) You cannot bid 2♣ as this would be Stayman. There are not enough points to bid 3♣