

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣ DEFENSE Signals ♠ ♥ ♦ ♣

Exercise One.

Which card do you play to partner's lead?

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| <p>1.</p> <p>7 3</p> <p>K A 8 2</p> | <p>2.</p> <p>9 8 3</p> <p>K 6 4 2</p> |
| <p>3.</p> <p>9</p> <p>K J 7 4</p> | <p>4.</p> <p>3</p> <p>K A 4 2</p> |
| <p>5.</p> <p>4 3</p> <p>K 8 7</p> | <p>6.</p> <p>6 3</p> <p>K A 7</p> |

Exercise Two.

Contract is 3NT. You lead?

What does partner's play tell you?

- S – J 3 2
- H – K 7 4
- D – A 2
- C – K Q 9 7 4

- S – K 5 4
- H – 8 6 3
- D – Q J 10 5
- C – 8 5 3

1. Declarer wins, partner plays 3D
2. Declarer wins, partner plays 8D
3. After winning first trick, declarer plays clubs, partner discards the 6S on the 3rd trick.
4. After winning first trick, declarer plays clubs, partner discards the 9H on the 3rd trick.

Exercise Three.

Contract 6NT.

What do you discard to show count?

♠ 9 7 6 5 2 Spades?

♥ 8 7 5 3 Hearts?

♦ 10 6 4 Diamonds?

Exercise 4

Contract 4H

Partner leads probable singleton club. You take the Ace and lead what?

1.

♠ A 9 6 4

♥ 10 4

♦ 7 6 5

♣ A 10 6 2

2.

♠ 7 6 5

♥ 10 4

♦ A 9 6 4

♣ A 10 6 2

3.

♠ 9 6 4

♥ 10 4 3

♦ 7 6 5

♣ A 10 6 2

Exercise 5

♠ K 9 2

♥ 8 4 2

♦ K 7 6 3

♣ 9 5 4

What card do you play to tell partner:

1. You would like a spade lead?
2. You don't like clubs?
3. Start a count signal in diamonds?
4. Which club to say you prefer spades to hearts?

ANSWERS:

Ex 1. 1-8, 2-2, 3-7, 4-4, 5-7, 6-A

Ex. 2. 1-discourages, 2-encourages, 3-doesn't like spades, 4-likes hearts

Ex. 3 Spades 2, 5, Hearts 8, 3, Diamonds 4, 6

Ex. 4. 1-10C (encourages spades), 2-2C (encourages diamonds), 3-6C

Ex. 5. 1-9S, 2-4C, 3-7D, 4-9C