

- 1) (a) Play the 2 hrts maybe you got this one wrong and decided your Q + J Hrts were surely good cards and that you should signal high to tell partner you have these honours ? Unfortunately that isnt what the signal means. It says I will (or expect) to make a trick in the suit . Now if there are only 2 cards in the dum,my you cant make a trick in the suit n(as the third round will be ruffed). If you played high (the 7) partner will think you have the King.
 - b) The 6 –this time u do expect (or hope yes) to get a trick with your Q as u think partner has the A + K
 - c) The 2. Same thinking as for (a) above
- 2) a) the 7 ...because we DO expect to get a trick in due course. Yes we know declarer has the King and dummy the Ace but after they have gone we hope to make our Q
 - b) the 2. The J wont make a trick
 - c) the 7
- 3) a) Partner has the K so I will carry on with the suit when I can
 - b) now this is odd (that the K won) because I don't think partner has the Ace or J or they wouldn't have played the 2. I am going to trust partner for the moment and switch to a new suit
 - c) Partner has the Q so I will carry on with the suit

That little exercise was to try to get you to see that how we defend is very much dependent on the message partner tells us. They have to do that and we have to be looking to see their signals.

- 4) 2Sp is fine. It is a reverse BUT only promised 15(+) when partner replied at the two level
- 5) 2D- daren't reverse into 2H with only 13 pts
- 6) I) 2C stayman (ii) 3Sp strong take out (iii) 2Sp weak takeout
- 7) I hadn't realised when I set the question that there are two different ways to make the contract.
Not much between them so these are they and take equal marks if you came up with one of them .
 - (A) Win K hearts ; play Ace Hrts; ruff a heart in dummy; draw trumps; That will be good enough for 10 tricks and you can try for 11 by taking a diamond finesse when in dummy.
 - (B) Win K Hrts. Play Ace clubs; Play K clubs *discarding a heart* ; Take a diamond finesse or start drawing trumps NB drawing trumps is safer. Again 10 tricks are there.

Line (A) is slightly better actually.

- 8) Win Ace diamonds. At trick 2

..... lead the 10 spades for a finesse. NB not the 2 nor the 3. [You see why ?]

Anyway the finesse wins . So we do it all over again and lead the 9 spades. [Do you see why yet the 10 + 9 were the necessary cards to lead ? } This finesse wins too. So we lead a third spade (the 2) and finesse the J.

Lucky we were able to stay in dummy each time for our finesses wasn't it ? .Yes lucky.