

- 1) perfect - yes a reverse by responder
(they bid 2 suits and the rank of the second bid suit meant that if opener was to go back to responder's first suit they could not do so below the 3 level and so responder had 13+ ptspshaw -you don't need to have to know that word for word)
- 2) not so good -you can see why responder has bid their second suit (5—4) BUT by doing so here they are reversing showing 13+. A better and correct bid would have been 2NT
- 3) good -again a reverse. Opener of course has to keep bidding
- 4) good-this isnt a reverseyes responder has shown two suits BUT opener need not go higher than the 2 level if they choose not to (ie they can bid just 2Sp). Perhaps this is tricky ? sometimes responder CAN show their two suits and sometimes they can't ! (cf answer to 2 above). Its all to do with the next bid opener might make. If they can "return" to responder's first suit at the 2 level then it wasn't a reverse and responder can bid 2 suits with 6 pts or so.
- 5) Excellent -having noted responder's reverse opener is happy to go to game
- 6) Fine -responder has shown 5-4 and so opener chooses. NB responder is NOT showing a strong hand here ie no reverse

7) 1S-----2D
2S-----3C
3NT

8) 1D-----1S
2D-----3C
3D-----3H*
3NT

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2D-----3C
3H*-----3NT

- the asterixed bid being 4th suit forcing

- 9) sometimes I wonder what I thought the answer should be when I set the question !
(which I would rather you see as a reflection on the myriad possibilities in bridge rather than my own capriciousness).

Here the two "right" answers are win the lead and lead next (i) a heart or (ii) a small club)

- (i) leading back a heart is safe but unenterprising and could lose a tempo
 - (ii) leading now a club is 100% safe and might help the defence to make tricks.
- Perhaps you balk at the idea that a club switch is so safe ? Couldn't declarer have AQ10 clubs for instance you say ? And yes they could and in which case they will make 3 club tricks. BUT and this is the point , they would always make 3 club tricks if their clubs were so strong. Your lead of a club has not assisted them to make tricks. (If the declarer could finesse you they would do so anyway).
The club switch gains when declarer has any of the following club holdings :
654 or Q65 or A65 or 1065 or AQ6 ie a lot of the time.

If you want to test that you "get" this come up with an answer as to why if declarer did hold AQ6 clubs that the club switch by you could (eventually) gain .

- 10) 3 diamonds to the Q. Very important ! (Not the Ace first)
Next?
What ?you want to know why ? Oh ok. The defender on your right held J982 diamonds.
....So you can make all 6 diamonds.
Was it preserving the tenace again ? Yes.

11) 3H

12) 3H Alison W***** please take note.

