



B3 L03 Bidding Very Strong Balanced Hands QUIZ ANSWERS

What to Open?

Q1

♠ A K 10

♥ A Q

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ A K Q J

The hand is balanced with 24 HCPs.

Once a hand has 23HCPs or more, the bidding is opened with an artificial 2♣.

The STOP card should be used, and the partner should show the ALERT card to the opponents. Nothing is said, unless the opponents ask a question.

The bid is forcing to game, with less than 8HCPs partner replies 2♦. Any other bid describes the responding hand.

Q2

♠ A K 10

♥ A Q

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ K Q J 2

The hand is balanced with 20 HCPs.

The bidding is opened with a natural 2NT. The STOP card should be used.

Previously the agreed HCP count was announced. Some players still do, some clubs still require it. The bid is not forcing. However, Stayman and Transfers are

often used at the "three level" and remembering openers strength.



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What to Re-bid?

Q3

♠ A K 10

♥ A Q

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ A K Q J

N

E

S

W

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

?

The hand is balanced with 24 HCPs. The bidding is opened with an artificial 2♣.

With less than 8HCPs partner bids 2♦. Any other bid describes the responding hand. The rebid should be 2NT showing 23 or 24 HCPs.

♠ A K 10

♥ A Q

♦ J 10 9 8

♣ A K Q J

N

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W

2♣

Pass

2♦

Pass

2NT



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Q4

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♠ A K 10				
♥ A Q	2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
♦ J 10 9 8	?			
♣ K Q J 2				

The hand is balanced with 20 HCPs. The bidding is opened with a natural 2NT.

Partner's response of 4NT shows a balanced hand with 11-12 HCPs. The bid is invitational to 6NT if the opener's bid is top of the agreed range. 20 HCPs is minimum in this situation, so the opener passes.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♠ A K 10				
♥ A Q	2NT	Pass	4NT	Pass
♦ J 10 9 8	Pass			
♣ K Q J 2				



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What to Respond?

Q5

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♠ A K 10				
♥ A Q			1NT	Pass
♦ K 10 9 8	?			
♣ K Q J 2				

Partner's opening hand is balanced with 12-14 HCPs.

Responder's hand is balanced with 22 HCPs. The total between the hands is 34-36 HCPs. This is very likely to make exactly 12 tricks in No Trumps. Responder bids 6NT.

	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♠ A K 10				
♥ A Q			1NT	Pass
♦ K 10 9 8	6NT			
♣ K Q J 2				



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Q6

♠	A Q 10	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♥	A Q			1NT	Pass
♦	Q 10 9 8	?			
♣	K Q 5 2				

Partner's opening hand is balanced with 12-14 HCPs.

Responder's hand is balanced with 17 HCPs. The total between the hands is 29-31 HCPs. This is very likely to make between 9 and 11 tricks in No Trumps. Responder bids 3NT.

♠	A Q 10	<u>N</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>W</u>
♥	A Q			1NT	Pass
♦	Q 10 9 8	3NT			
♣	K Q 5 2				