

Natural Language Bidding

Total Points:

- HCP (A=4; K=3; Q=2; J=1)
- Plus either:
 - Length (1 point for every card over 4 in a suit)
 - OR dummy shortness points IF you have found a fit (1 for doubleton, 3 for singleton, 5 for void)

Opener (pass if less than 12 HCP or 13 total points):

I have at least 12 points and at least 5 cards in Hearts / Spades

I have at least 12 points and my best minor is Clubs/Diamonds (might be only 3 cards)

Responder (pick one from each column):

Shape	Strength (total points)
We have a fit in Hearts/Spades (I have 3)	0-5 points: Pass
We have a fit in Clubs/Diamonds (I have 5)	6-9 points: If you're very strong we may have game
No fit yet, but I have at least 4 cards in ---	10-12 points: If you're a little stronger, we may have game (invitational)
No fit yet, maybe we can play in NT	13+ points: We have game

Rebids by either partner (pick one from each column):

Shape	Strength (total points)
I have an extra card in ----- (opener should have 5 cards in C/D for this)	I don't have any extra strength.
No fit yet, but I have at least 4 cards in ---	Opener: I have at least 3 more points than I told you about
We have something in all suits, let's play in NT	Responder: I'm at the top of my range
If you have something in ----, we can play in NT	

Proposed Final Bid:

OK, the contract should be (game/part score) in -----.