

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 major suit 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)
We have an 8-card fit in Hearts/Spades	I don't have any extra strength.
We have an 8-card fit in Clubs/Diamonds	Opener: I have at least 3 more points than I told you about
I have an extra card in ---- (opener should have 5 cards in C/D for this)	Responder: I'm at the top of my range
No major suit fit yet, but I have at least 4 cards in ---	
We have something in all suits, let's play in NT	
If you have something in ----, we can play in NT	

Proposed Final Bid:

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

Bidding Priorities

Strain (Trump Suit or No Trump)

- Do we have an 8-card fit in a major suit (Hearts or Spades)?
 - Yes: Play in that suit
- If not, can we play in No Trump (do we have something in all suits)?
 - Yes: Play in NT
- If not, do we have an 8-card fit in a minor suit (Clubs or Diamonds)?
 - Yes: Should we gamble and play in NT?
 - Yes: Play in No Trump
 - No: Play in the 8-card minor suit fit
 - No: Either play in a 7-card suit or in NT, neither is very good.

Level

- 0-24 points: Play in a part score contract at lowest level possible
- 25 or more points: Play in a game contract, if possible:
 - 4 of a major (Hearts or Spades), with a fit
 - 3NT with stoppers in all suits (or gamble on 3 NT)
 - Do we have 28 or more points?
 - Yes: 5 of a minor (Clubs or Diamonds), with a fit
 - No: gamble on 3NT or play in a part score contract