

Strong Two Club Opening

1 NT shows 15 – 17 balanced HCP

2NT shows 20 – 21 balanced HCP

What do I open with 20+ points and an unbalanced hand or 22+ HCP and a balanced hand?

Answer: Two Clubs. This is an artificial and strong bid. It does not promise clubs ~ merely a strong hand.

My partner opens 2Cs, what do I bid?

Answer: Two Diamonds ~ waiting bid. This gives your partner bidding room.

I have own suit, can I bid it instead of two diamonds?

Answer: If you have 8+ HCP and 5+ cards in a major suit **OR** 6+ cards in a minor suit **AND** two of the top three honors, bid your suit. (Some partners prefer **ALWAYS** having 6+ in your suit.)

Opener's rebids after two diamond response with a balanced hand:

22 – 24 HCP	2NT
25 – 26 HCP	3NT

Responding after a 2NT rebid by opener:

- May be passed
- Raise to 3NT with three points
- Transfers may be done. Bid 3D to transfer to hearts or 3H to transfer to spades.
- Stayman ~ 3C asks if opener has a four-card major. You **MUST** have at least one four-card major to ask and you should have enough points for game.

What do I bid if I have fewer than four points?

Answer: After bidding two diamonds, bid the cheapest minor to show a “bust” hand.

Example: 2C – 2D – 2H – 3C Shows (0-4) and tells partner to place the final contract as you are not bidding again.

If partner's suit is clubs, 3Ds shows a “bust”! **Example:** 2C – 2D – 3C – 3D.

Responder's Worksheet

Partner opens the bidding with 2C.

1. Your Hand: 863
9742
64
8653

Number of points? _____

What do you bid? _____

2. Your Hand: 4
Q8764
K7
A7542

Number of points? _____

What do you bid? _____

3. Your Hand: AQ1042
6
K97
7632

Number of points? _____

What do you bid? _____

4. Your Hand: Q65
QJ5
K84
J532

Number of points? _____

What do you bid? _____

5. Your Hand: K4
A9
Q9742
J653

You bid 2D and Partner responds 2H.

What do you bid? _____

6. Your Hand: 863
9742
64
8653

You bid 2D and Partner responds 2H.

What do you bid? _____

7. Your Hand: 4
Q8764
K7
A7542

You bid 2D and Partner responds 2H.

What do you bid? _____

8. Your Hand: AQ1042
6
K97
7632

You bid 2S and Partner responds 3H.

What do you bid? _____

9. Your Hand: Q65
QJ5
K84
J532

You bid 2D and Partner responds 2H.

What do you bid? _____

10. Your Hand: K4
A9
Q9742
J653

You bid 2D and Partner responds 2S.

What do you bid? _____