

# Unusual vs. the Unusual



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# Time for Some Jokes

A Polish immigrant went to the DMV to get a driver's license. First, he had to pass the eye test.

The clerk showed him a sign with the letters: "C Z W I X N O S T A C Z" and said, " Can you read this?"

The applicant replied, "Read it? Hell, I know the guy!"

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A guy walks into a clinic. He has peas in his nose, a banana in one ear, a strawberry in his eye, and he says, "I don't feel so good!"

The doctor replied, "You're not eating right!"

# Pre-empting

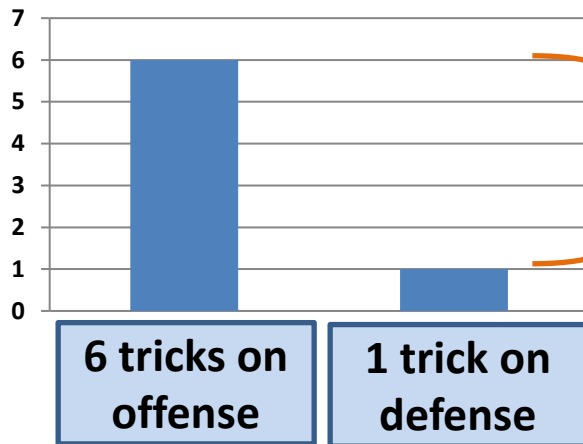
Rivet!



**When you can take at least 4 more tricks playing in your long suit than you can defending, pre-empt!**

♠ AQJ10874   ♥ 853   ♦ J2   ♣ 5   **South**

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	3S*	



**5 trick difference**

A sacrifice is outbidding the opponents, but losing less points going down, even if doubled.

**Pre-empting helps you by:**

- 1) Disrupting the opponents' bidding.
- 2) Finding sacrifices.
- 3) Helping your partner to lead.

**Pre-empting can be broken into 4 categories:**

	<b>If Partner Pre-empts</b>	<b>If They Pre-empt</b>
1) Pre-empting 6-card suits using the <u>Weak Two Bid</u>	Feature Asking Bid or Rule of 17	Rule of 7
2) Pre-empting 7+ long suits	Rule of 2 or 3	Rule of 7
3) Pre-empting with 2 long suits	---	<u>Unusual vs. Un</u>
4) Pre-empting after your partner has opened	---	---

If your partner rebids 3S, you should pass.

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Unusual vs. the Unusual is a defence against two-suited pre-empt (Michaels and The Unusual No Trump).

1) When they don't show exactly which two suits they have (example: 1H – 2H), a bid of their suit (2S) shows a limit raise (11-12 HCPs) or better in partner's suit (♥'s). "Partner, I'm inviting you to game, or I'm looking for slam; you'll find out later."

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3H*		1S	2S*	???
West	♠AQ93	♥32	♦A1073	♣J92

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3S		1S	2S*	???
West	♠J753	♥32	♦A875	♣Q64

Just a simple raise.

2) When you know the opponent's two suits, cue bidding their higher suit shows a limit raise or better in partner's suit. Cue bidding their lower suit shows the 4<sup>th</sup> suit and 10+ HCPs. (\*Some partnerships play this differently.)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3D*		1S	2NT*	???
West	♠AQ93	♥32	♦A1073	♣J92

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
3C*		1H	2NT*	???
West	♠KQJ753	♥32	♦A75	♣64

3) Doubles over Michaels and The Unusual No Trump are for penalties.

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	2S*	Dbl

# Time for More Jokes

I told my wife I always dreamed of being a billionaire like my dad.

‘Your dad was a billionaire?’ she asked.

‘No,’ I replied, ‘but he always dreamed of being one!’

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A doctor made a mistake and unknowingly prescribed his patient a powerful laxative instead of cough drops.

At the end of the week the patient comes back for a check-up. The doctor asks him: “So how’s it going, Mr. Kowalski? Do you still cough a lot?”

The patient, who’s been sitting there very rigidly, looks at him with wide eyes, “No. I’m afraid to.”

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1)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1D	2D*	???	
2H*				
South	♠72	♥3	♦A103	♣AKJ9764

2)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1S	2NT*	???	
3H*				
South	♠7	♥KQJ973	♦Q65	♣932

Shows just a minimum response with ♥'s.

3)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1C	2C*	???
Dbf				
West	♠KQ9	♥KJ104	♦QJ84	♣K2

Or 3NT if you're vulnerable.

4)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
	1H	2NT*	???	
3D*				
South	♠Q982	♥Q754	♦2	♣KQ82

5)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1S	2S*	???
3S				
West	♠KJ9	♥52	♦K732	♣8642

Shows just a minimum raise (7-10 HCPs).

6)

	<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
		1C	2C*	???
2D*				
West	♠63	♥J63	♦AK9872	♣62

Shows just a minimum response with ♦'s.

# PLAYTIME

