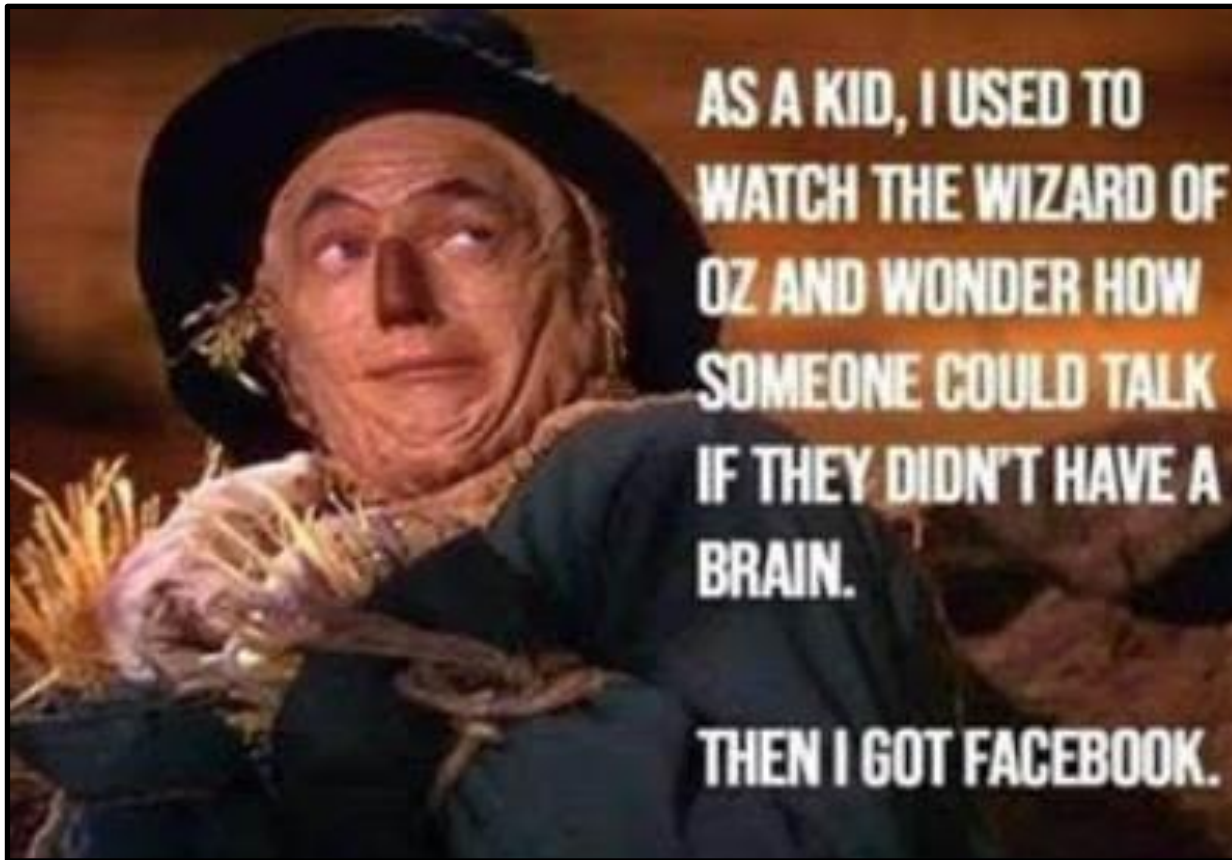


Bidding After Partner's Takeout Double



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Time for a Joke

During a dull White House dinner, Melania Trump leaned over to chat with White House Chief of Staff John Kelly.

"I bought Donald a parrot for his birthday. That bird is so smart, Donald has already taught him to say over two hundred words!"

"Very impressive," said Kelly, "but you do realize he just speaks the words. He doesn't really understand what they all mean."

"Oh, I know," replied Melania, "but neither does the parrot."

Partner's Takeout Double



Example:

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

You are North, and your partner has made a Takeout Double. He will have one of three types of hands:

- 1) **Shortness in the opponent's suit (clubs), at least 3-card support in the other unbid suits and 11+ HCPs.** You should first assume he has this type of hand.

♠QJ6 ♥AQ53 ♦K873 ♣42

- 2) **A 6+-long suit and 17 -18 HCPs** (partner will bid his suit next).

♠AQ9876 ♥AQ3 ♦AJ3 ♣2

- 3) **A flat 19-20 HCP hand** with their suit stopped (partner will bid 1NT next).

♠KJ6 ♥AQ53 ♦KJ93 ♣AQ9

Takeout Responses



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

North

This may be a 6-card fit, but you need to run for cover.

You have long enough and good enough ♣'s to defend, and no clear game in sight.

Let partner pick a major. If he jumps to the 3-level, bid a game, otherwise, you invite him to game.

Over partner's 2 of a major, bid 3D, trying to get to 3NT if partner has a club honor.

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|----|-----------------------|------|
| 1) | ♠Q76 ♥9753 ♦93 ♣J842 | 1H |
| 2) | ♠753 ♥65 ♦973 ♣87642 | 1S |
| 3) | ♠762 ♥65 ♦9873 ♣7642 | 1D |
| 4) | ♠76 ♥65 ♦A93 ♣KJ10764 | Pass |
| 5) | ♠J87 ♥KQ753 ♦K3 ♣Q82 | 2H |
| 6) | ♠Q953 ♥A5 ♦A73 ♣8642 | 2S |
| 7) | ♠K62 ♥A5 ♦KJ973 ♣632 | 2D |
| 8) | ♠KQ76 ♥KQJ5 ♦93 ♣642 | 2C* |
| 9) | ♠K7 ♥K8 ♦AKO95 ♣I109 | 2C* |

Takeout Responses



<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
???	1C	Dbl	Pass

North

10) ♠J76 ♥K53 ♦Q63 ♣Q942 1NT

11) ♠K92 ♥Q85 ♦QJ9 ♣QJ83 2NT

12) ♠KJ9 ♥Q53 ♦QJ3 ♣KQ84 3NT

Your sixth ♥ and singleton ♠ make your hand worth an invitation to game.

13) ♠5 ♥KJ8753 ♦J3 ♣K984 2H*

14) ♠754 ♥AKJ53 ♦Q3 ♣A52 4H

Another Joke

An Irishman goes to a building site in London and asks the foreman if he can have a job.

“Are you Irish?” asked the foreman.

“Well sor, that I am,” replied the Irishman.

“Well,” said the foreman, “I don’t want any more Irish on this site, because they don’t know nuffink. Last week we have one here who didn’t even know the difference between a girder and a joist. Can you tell me the difference between girder and joist?”

The Irishman thought for a little while, and then replied, “Well sor, I tink that Joyce wrote Ulysses and Goethe wrote Faust.”

Quiz Time



Your partner should have about 17-18 ♠'s HCPs. With 19+ HCPs, he would bid 2D over your 1S, and then raise your ♠'s. Careful, he may have only 3 ♠'s.

1)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	Dbl	Pass	1S
	Pass	3S	Pass	???
Pass				
West	♠K765	♥65	♦K543	♣832

2)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1S	Pass	???
4S				
West	♠KJ52	♥K7543	♦6	♣985

Partner will have 6+ ♠'s and 17-18 HCPs. Your 7 HCPs and singleton will make game.

3)

	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1NT	Pass	???
2H				
West	♠63	♥1098653	♦83	♣732

Showing 19-20 HCPs. Not enough for game.

4)

	North	East	South	West
	1D	Dbl	Pass	1S
	pass	2H	Pass	???
Pass				
West	♠Q982	♥J	♦Q92	♣Q9876

Partner will have 6+ ♥'s and 17-18 HCPs.

5)

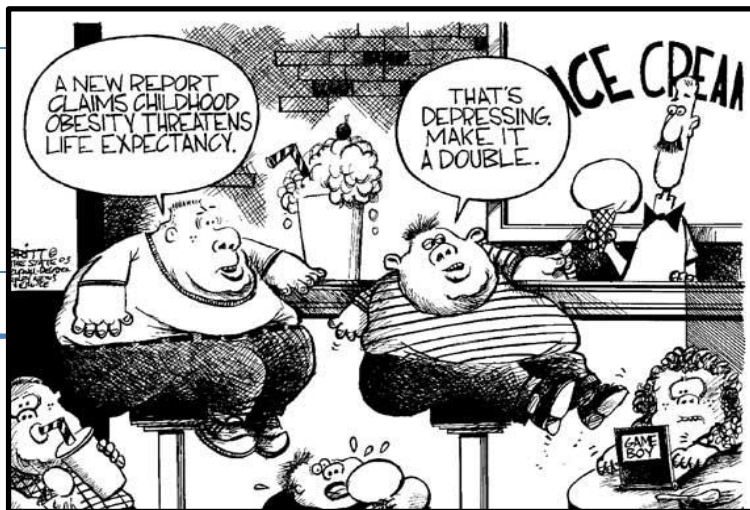
	North	East	South	West
	1C	Dbl	Pass	1H
	Pass	1NT	Pass	???
3NT				
West	♠Q5	♥K642	♦Q42	♣J1052

17-18 HCPs.

6)

	North	East	South	West
	1H	Dbl	Pass	1S
	Pass	2D	Pass	???
3NT				
West	♠J752	♥KJ6	♦Q73	♣J62

More Quiz



7)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Dbl	Pass	???

2S

West ♠KQJ5 ♥KJ ♦6543 ♣J32

8)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Dbl	Pass	???

1S

West ♠J52 ♥43 ♦65432 ♣843

9)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Dbl	Pass	???

1H

West ♠K3 ♥J109865 ♦2 ♣8732

10)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
2D	Dbl	Pass	???

3S*

West ♠AQ982 ♥J2 ♦Q2 ♣Q976

11)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1D	Dbl	Pass	???

2NT

West ♠QJ5 ♥KJ2 ♦KJ2 ♣J1082

12)

<u>North</u>	<u>East</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
1C	Dbl	Pass	???

2C*

West ♠QJ82 ♥KQ63 ♦K72 ♣82



Time to Play