

Forcing or Not Forcing?

Forcing Bids:

- 2C Opener
- Conventional Bid
- Cue Bid
- New Suit by an Unpassed Responder
 - Exceptions:
 - 1D—P—1S—P—1NT—P—2H, if you play New Minor Forcing
 - 1H—P—2S, pre-emptive
- Reverse (1 Round) or Jump Shift (Game Force) by Opener
- A New Suit after Partner Raises Your Suit (Game Try)

Non-Forcing Bids:

- Opening Bid Other than 2C
- Natural, Non-conventional NT Bid
- New Suit by the Opener (Not a Reverse or Jump Shift)
- Rebid of the Same Suit by the Opener or Responder
- A Raise of Partner's Suit

By Partnership Agreement:

- A New Suit by Responder after Opponent's Takeout Double
- A New Suit after Partner's Overcall
- A New Suit in Response to Partner's Pre-empt

Examples: Is the Final Bid in Each Auction Forcing or Not Forcing?

<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1H</p> <p>P 1S P 2C?</p> <p>NF—New suit by opener without jumping</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1D</p> <p>P 1S P 2H?</p> <p>F—Jump shift by opener</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1H P 1S</p> <p>P 2D P 3H?</p> <p>NF—Invitational raise by responder (their initial 1S bid was forcing)</p>
<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1H</p> <p>P 2H P 3C?</p> <p>F—A new suit after suit agreement (game try)</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3C P 3S?</p> <p>F—A new suit after partner's pre-empt (but by partnership agreement you could play this non-forcing, but that is not standard and is alertable)</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1D P 1S</p> <p>P 2D P 2H?</p> <p>F—A new suit by an unpassed responder</p>

<p>West North East South</p> <p>1C P 1S</p> <p>P 1NT P 2H?</p> <p>NF—If you play new minor forcing, otherwise F (new suit by unpassed responder). If you play NMF, your only forcing bid is 2D</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>P P 1D</p> <p>P 1S P 3C?</p> <p>F—A jump shift by opener</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>P</p> <p>P 1C P 1H?</p> <p>NF—A new suit by a responder who has already passed</p>
<p>West North East South</p> <p>P P 1D</p> <p>P 1H P 2NT?</p> <p>NF—A natural NT bid showing 18-19 HCP</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1NT P 2D</p> <p>P 2H P 3C?</p> <p>F—Shows a game-going hand with 5 Hearts and 4-5 Clubs</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1NT P 2D</p> <p>P 2H P 3H?</p> <p>NF—Invitational bid by responder showing 6 Hearts</p>
<p>West North East South</p> <p>1D P 1S</p> <p>P 1NT P 3S?</p> <p>NF—Invitational bid by opener showing 16-18 with 6 Spades</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1D P 1H</p> <p>P 1S P 2C?</p> <p>F—New suit by unpassed responder</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>P 1S P 2NT?</p> <p>F—If you play Jacoby 2NT (conventional); otherwise natural and NF</p>
<p>West North East South</p> <p>1C 1H P 2C?</p> <p>F—A cue bid showing a limit raise or better for partner's Hearts</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1S X 2H?</p> <p>NF—By partnership agreement. Use XX to show a good hand (10+)</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1H 2D X</p> <p>P 2NT P 3C?</p> <p>NF—Shows longer Clubs than Spades and not enough points to bid 3NT (rebid by the responder since their original X showed Clubs)</p>
<p>West North East South</p> <p>1D 1NT 2H?</p> <p>NF—This bid is to play. Use X to show a better hand</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1NT 3H 3S?</p> <p>F—Game force with 5 Spades</p>	<p>West North East South</p> <p>1D X</p> <p>P 1H P 2S?</p> <p>NF—Double and originate by the opener, shows a very good hand (usually 18+) but not forcing</p>