

Double Trouble

What would you bid in each of the following auctions?

<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>KJ75 T3 984 Q972</p> <p>1D – 1H – X This is the classic negative double that promises 4 Spades. A bid of 1S here would promise 5.</p>	<p>You are the overcaller with:</p> <p>KJ75 AQ92 KT7 52</p> <p>1C – X This is the classic takeout double, promising an opening hand, shortness in the opponent's suit, and support for the other suits.</p>	<p>You are the advancer with:</p> <p>KJ75 Q2 T7 KT986</p> <p>1D – P – 1H – X This is a takeout double in the passout or balancing seat. You can do it with less points than a direct takeout double. You should have support for the unbid suits and definitely 4 of any unbid major.</p>
<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>A765 K64 T74 943</p> <p>1C – 1D – 1S You cannot double after 1C – 1D unless you are 4/4 in the majors. The bid of 1S here only promises 4.</p>	<p>You are the opener with:</p> <p>K107 AK1095 4 KJ52</p> <p>1H – 2D – P – P – X This is a reopening double by the opener in case partner who passed has a Diamond stack and wants to convert to penalty. If you don't want to convert to penalty, make your best bid which might be to put your partner is a 5/2 fit in their major.</p>	<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>Q53 KJ874 96 QT5</p> <p>1C – 1S – X You cannot bid Hearts directly at the 2-level because you do not have enough points. So you need to make a negative double to show the Heart suit.</p>
<p>You are the opener with:</p> <p>KJ7 J7 AJ872 KT9</p> <p>1D – P – 1S – 2H – X This is a support double showing 3-card Spade support.</p>	<p>You are the overcaller with:</p> <p>KJ7 AQJ92 KT AT8</p> <p>1C – X You cannot overcall Hearts directly here because your hand is too big for an overcall, which usually shows 8-17 HCP. You need to start with a double and then bid your suit on your next turn to let your partner know you have a big hand (18+).</p>	<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>97 43 A7543 KQJ9</p> <p>1S – 2H – X This is a negative double showing the minors.</p>

<p>You are the advancer with:</p> <p>T96 K42 AQJT7 52</p> <p>1NT – P – 2D – X This is a lead directing double of the artificial 2D bid (2D is a transfer to Hearts).</p>	<p>You are the overcaller with:</p> <p>AT8 AQT QT2 KJT7</p> <p>1NT - ? You might be able to double here depending upon what system you play. If you do not play a system that has an equal value double, then you must pass.</p>	<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>T7 KQ976 KT6 A52</p> <p>1C – 2C – X The double of a Michaels bid usually says you can penalize one of the opponent's suits (in this case Hearts).</p>
<p>You are the advancer with:</p> <p>A765 KT64 Q7 J43</p> <p>1C – X – 2C – X This is a responsive double that shows 4/4 in the majors and asks partner to choose. Remember that partner who made the takeout double could be only 4/3 in the majors.</p>	<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>AT82 AJT5 Q92 J3</p> <p>1NT – 2C – X The double here is for Stayman (stolen bid).</p>	<p>You are the responder with:</p> <p>AJ82 T5 Q982 KJ3</p> <p>1H – X – XX The redouble says 10+ no fit. The bid of 1S here would usually show less than 10 points with 4+ Spades.</p>