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Responding to Preempts Notes

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Reasons for Responder to Bid

- To extend the preempt (or be tactical)
 - Law of Total Tricks
 - Lead Directing (McCabe)
- To make a constructive bid with a good hand.

Know What to Expect from Partner's Preemptive Opening

- Position
- Vulnerability
- Partner's Style – Are they crazy or sound.

Extended the Preempt – Destructive Bidding

- Law of Total Tricks
- Responder's Shape
- McCabe

Trying for Game with a Fit – Constructive Bidding

A 2NT response usually shows a fit. Depending on expectations from partner and size of fit, values needed to bid 2NT change.

- 2NT Feature
- 2NT Optional Feature
- 2NT Ogust



Trying for Game without a Fit – Constructive Bidding

- New Suit at 2-Level – Good 5-card suit or 6+card suit (Forcing)
 - Opener shows
 - Fit – Honor Doubleton or 3+card
 - Min / Max
- New Suit at 3-Level - Good 5-card suit or 6+card suit (Forcing)
 - Opener has less room to communicate, primary shows fit or not.

Competitive Bidding

- Raise
- Jump Raise – 2-way Bid
- McCabe
- 2NT if available