



# Adventures in Bridge

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## Responsive Doubles

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### Advancer's Competitive Bidding Tools

- Raise Partner's Suit (more on this next week)
- Bid a new suit
- Bid NT
- Double
  - Opponents have a Fit - Responsive Doubles
  - Opponents do not have a Fit – Other Doubles

### Responsive Doubles - Advancer

- Values to compete in the bidding (6+ points – vary based on level), but still looking for a fit OR a “better fit” – Major suit fit over a minor suit fit. HCP needed to compete vary based on shape and fit for partner. The better our fit for partner the more we stretch to compete in the bidding. With 2 small cards in partner's suit (not a great fit) we need about the following values:
  - Opposite a 1-level Overcall
    - 2-level by Responder – about 7+ points
    - 3-level by Responder – about 10+ points
    - 4-level by Responder – about 12+ points
  - Opposite a 2-level Overcall
    - 2-level by Responder – about 6+ points
    - 3-level by Responder – about 9+ points
    - 4-level by Responder – about 10+points
  - Opposite a Takeout Double
    - 2-level by Responder – about 6+ points
    - 3-level by Responder – about 9+ points
    - 4-level by Responder – about 10+points
- Prefer a Freebid, showing length and values, not a Responsive double.
- Responsive Double fallback plan: “Enough values to take some action, but no other good action”
- Usually two places to play – Responder has a plan for how to handle the auction.
  - Both unbid suits.
  - Unbid Major and partner's minor.
  - Unbid Major and NT.
  - 1-long suit, but not enough to make a Freebid (rare).