

**"Test Your Knowledge of the *Plethora* of
Some of the More Exotic Bidding Conventions:
A Special (and *Challenging*)
Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz"**

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*As noted in the "Conventions" Section of the "**Esther Bridge Lessons**" website:*

When I was a young child, my mother quoted to me with quite disturbing frequency the phrase, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions," a phrase that arguably was originated in the 12th century by a Cistercian Catholic abbot, Bernard of Clairvaux! However, Larry Cohen, who popularized the "**Law of Total Tricks**" in his 1992 book, To Bid or Not to Bid: The LAW of Total Tricks, has suggested a variation on this proverb: "*The road to hell is paved by good conventions!*"

*Of course, trying to play too many conventions, or trying too add too many conventions too fast, both can indeed lead to perdition. However, adding conventions to your bidding arsenal in a judicious manner can certainly improve your game! More sophisticated conventions (1) in keeping with the modern emphasis on the "**Law of Total Tricks**", emphasize communicating **exact** card counts to Partner, or (2) unusual Hand distributions (e.g., 2-Suited Hands), or (3) Hand special features (e.g., specific Aces).*

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This series of Quiz Questions tests your knowledge of these frontiers. And "links" are provided in the "Quiz Answers" to provide further explanation about some of these semi-exotic choices!

1. In the following auction, what does WEST's bid of **2NT!** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	1H	2NT! ¹	

2. Partners are playing the convention that Esther feels is the single most important convention, "**2 Over 1**" or "**2/1**" **NOT Game Forcing**. What does WEST's bid say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1S	PASS	2H	

3. Partners are playing the "**Roth Response to Partner's 2C Opening**" convention. What does WEST's **2H** response bid say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2C	PASS	2H	

4. Partners are playing the "**Drury Response as a PASSED Hand to Partner's Opening of 1H or 1S**". What does EAST's response of **2D!** in his second bid say in response to Partner's opening of **1S**?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2D!	PASS	1S	PASS

5. In the following auction, what does WEST's 2nd bid of **4C!** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	PASS	4C!	

¹ Bids with an exclamation point ("!") are bids that **must be Alerted!** because they are "artificial", and convey information other than their obvious, usual meaning.

6. In the following auction, what does EAST's 2nd bid of 4D say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	PASS	2NT!	PASS
4D			

7. In the following auction, what does EAST's 2nd bid of 3D! say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	PASS	2NT!	PASS
3D!			

8. In the following auction, what does EAST's 3rd bid of 4D! say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	PASS	2NT!	PASS
3D!	PASS	3H	PASS
4D!			

9. In the following auction, what does SOUTH's 1st bid of 2D! say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1D	2D!		

10. In the following auction, what does SOUTH's Overcall of 2NT! say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1S	2NT!		

11. In the following auction, when you and Partner are playing "Bergen Limit Raises", what does WEST's bid of 3D! say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1S	PASS	3D!	

12. In the following auction, what does SOUTH's Overcall of **2H!** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	2H!		

13. In the following auction, what does WEST's **2S!** bid say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	1S	2S!	

14. In the following auction, what does NORTH's **DOUBLE** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	PASS	1S	DOUBLE

15. In the following auction, what does SOUTH's **DOUBLE** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1H	DOUBLE		

16. In the following auction, what does SOUTH's **DOUBLE** say to Partner?

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1NT	DOUBLE		

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