

YES, NO or MAYBE
A LOGICAL APPROACH TO BRIDGE



BIDDING BASICS
WORKBOOK

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an elementary school teacher
from whom I must have inherited my love of teaching.

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INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE

This is a supplemental workbook for *Yes, No or Maybe – A New Approach to Learning Bridge – Bidding Basics*.

CONTENT

Each chapter of this workbook includes several exercises associated with the corresponding chapter of the above reference. Most chapters include practice deals for the associated topic.

NOTATIONAL ISSUES

Here are a few notational issues:

- I sometimes use N and sometimes use NT to denote a notrump contract, e.g., 3N and 3NT both denote a contract of three notrump
- The result of a contract that is made is written as LSD+N where L is the level of the contract, S is the strain of the contract, D is the declarer compass position and N is the number of tricks above **book** that were taken, e.g., 3SS+4 is written for a contract of 3♠ by South for which 10 tricks were taken
- The result of a contract that is defeated is written as LSD-N where L, S and D are the same as above and N is the number of tricks the **contract** was defeated, e.g., 2NW-1 is written for a contract of 2NT by West that was defeated by 1 trick
- A player's position relative to another is often denoted by LHO (left-hand opponent) or RHO (right-hand opponent)

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RESOURCES AND PERMISSIONS

The following three books in the ACBL Bridge Series originally written by Audrey Grant and later revised by Betty Starzec were invaluable resources for writing this workbook:

1. *Bidding in the 21st Century*, Baron Barclay, Louisville, KY, © 1990, Updated 2006
2. *Play of the Hand in the 21st Century*, Baron Barclay, Louisville, KY, © 1988, 2002, Revised April 2007
3. *Defense in the 21st Century*, 2nd Edition, Baron Barclay, Louisville, KY, © 1988, 2002, Revised October 2007

Many of the exercises are based on similar exercises in these books. Perhaps more significantly, all of the practice deals in this workbook have been extracted from the above three books and are used with the permission of the American Contract Bridge League (www.acbl.org). Special “EZ-Deal” decks of cards for these deals are available from Baron Barclay Bridge Supply (www.baronbarclay.com). References to the appropriate resource and the corresponding EZ-Deal cards are given for all the practice deals in this workbook.

EXERCISES

for

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A New Way to Learn Bridge

Bidding Basics

CHAPTER 1 – Bidding Objectives

Exercise One – Opening the Bidding

Fill in the blanks below for each of the following hands. Enter the total point value of the hand from the viewpoint of an opening bid. Enter B for shape if the hand is balanced, U if unbalanced. Enter your initial decision regarding G? and the call you would make, using P for a pass.

	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
♠:	AKQ654	KQJ3	82	A108	J	KQ65432
♥:	A5	Q86	AK10973	KQ52	AJ97	106
♦:	K6	AQJ10	974	K4	KQ1083	AJ5
♣:	AQ3	K5	A2	Q764	J85	10

Points:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shape:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
G?:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Call:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

	7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)
♠:	AQ	AQ1076	Q95	K42	A3	K752
♥:	KJ3	954	Q1072	KJ3	A86	Q1075
♦:	QJ2	AQ8	AJ3	A542	KJ96	A86
♣:	AK932	K6	A97	Q108	KJ42	KJ

Points:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shape:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
G?:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Call:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

	13)	14)	15)	16)
♠:	Q10983	AK4	AKQ	AK654
♥:	K6	AJ	KQJ3	8
♦:	Q952	J104	K73	5
♣:	Q5	A8632	AK4	AK8632

Points:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Shape:	_____	_____	_____	_____
G?:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Call:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise One Answers – Opening the Bidding

	1)	2)	3)	4)	5)	6)
Points:	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Shape:	<u>U</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>U</u>	<u>U</u>
G?:	<u>M^S</u>	<u>M^L</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>
Call:	<u>2♣</u>	<u>1♦</u>	<u>1♥</u>	<u>1♣</u>	<u>1♦</u>	<u>1♠</u>

	7)	8)	9)	10)	11)	12)
Points:	<u>20/21</u>	<u>15/16</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>13</u>
Shape:	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>
G?:	<u>M⁺</u>	<u>M^{W+}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>	<u>M^{W+}</u>	<u>M^{W-}</u>
Call:	<u>2N</u>	<u>1N</u>	<u>1♣</u>	<u>1♦</u>	<u>1N</u>	<u>1♦</u>

	13)	14)	15)	16)
Points:	<u>10</u>	<u>17/18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>17</u>
Shape:	<u>U</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>U</u>
G?:	<u>N</u>	<u>M^{W+}</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>M^{W+}</u>
Call:	<u>P</u>	<u>1N</u>	<u>2♣</u>	<u>1♣</u>

Exercise Two – Practice Deals

Deals 1 through 6 are taken from Chapters 1 and 2 of Resource 1.

Deal 1 (E-Z Deal Cards: #1, Deal 1)

Dlr: N ♠ A 9 4
 Vul: None ♥ A 7 6
 ♦ 9 6
 ♣ A J 9 6 3

♠ 7 3 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ J 10 9 ♥ 8 4 3 2
 ♦ K Q J 4 3 ♦ A 7 5 2
 ♣ Q 5 2 ♣ K 10 7

N		E
W		S

♠ K Q J 10 8 5
 ♥ K Q 5
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ 8 4

Deal 2 (E-Z Deal Cards: #1, Deal 2)

Dlr: E ♠ J 5 2
 Vul: N-S ♥ K Q J 8
 ♦ 9 3
 ♣ 10 8 6 4

♠ A K 8 ♠ 9 7 3
 ♥ 10 7 5 ♥ A 9 3
 ♦ A K Q ♦ 7 5 4 2
 ♣ 9 5 3 2 ♣ A K Q

N		E
W		S

♠ Q 10 6 4
 ♥ 6 4 2
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ J 7

Deal 3 (E-Z Deal Cards: #2, Deal 1)

Dlr: N ♠ A 7
 Vul: None ♥ K 5 2
 ♦ A K Q J
 ♣ 6 5 4 2

♠ 8 4 3 2 ♠ K Q J 10 9
 ♥ Q J 10 4 ♥ A 9 6
 ♦ 10 8 4 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ 10 8 ♣ 9 7 3

N		E
W		S

♠ 6 5
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ 9 7 6 2
 ♣ A K Q J

Deal 4 (E-Z Deal Cards: #2, Deal 2)

Dlr: E ♠ 10 7 4
 Vul: N-S ♥ K J 9 5 2
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ J 9 3

♠ Q 3 2 ♠ A K J 5
 ♥ 7 4 3 ♥ A 8 6
 ♦ 8 5 3 ♦ Q 6 4 2
 ♣ A K 7 4 ♣ 8 5

N		E
W		S

♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ Q 10
 ♦ A J 10 7
 ♣ Q 10 6 2

Who is the opener and what is the opening bid? What is responder's answer to GFMS? and G? What should be the contract, opening lead and result? What was your result?

Deal	Opener	Bid	GFMS?	G?	Contract	Lead	Result	Your Result
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Deal 5 (E-Z Deal Cards: #2, Deal 3)

Dir: W ♠ K Q 10
 Vul: Both ♥ 4
 ♦ 8 7 4 3 2
 ♣ A 6 4 3

♠ A 7 6 3	N W E S	♠ 9 5
♥ A K 7		♥ Q J 10 9 8 6
♦ K 10 6		♦ A Q 9
♣ K 8 2		♣ 7 5

♠ J 8 4 2
 ♥ 5 3 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ Q J 10 9

Deal 6 (E-Z Deal Cards: #2, Deal 4)

Dir: S ♠ A 7 6 4
 Vul: E-W ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ J 5 2
 ♣ A Q 8

♠ 8 2	N W E S	♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 5		♥ A 9 6
♦ A 9 4		♦ K Q 7 6 3
♣ J 7 3 2		♣ 10 6 5

♠ K Q J 10 5
 ♥ 7 4 2
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ K 9 4

Who is the opener and what is the opening bid? What is responder's answer to GFMS? and G? What should be the contract, opening lead and result? What was your result?

Deal	Opener	Bid	GFMS?	G?	Contract	Lead	Result	Your Result
5	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise Two Answers – Practice Deals

Deal	Opener	Bid	GFMS?	G?	Contract	Lead	Result	Your Result
1	North	1♣	M ^S	Y	4SS	♦K	4SS+4 = 420	_____
2	East	1♦	M ^W	Y	3NW	♥K	3NW+3 = 400	_____
3	North	1NT	M ^W	Y	3NN	♠K	3NN+3 = 400	_____
4	East	1♦	N	M ^{W+}	1NW	♥5	1NW+1 = 90	_____
5	North	1♣	M	M ^S	2SS ¹	♥Q	2SS+2 = 110 ¹	_____
6	West	1N	Y - ♥	Y	4HE	♣Q	4HE+4 = 620	_____

¹The contract for deal 5 could also be 3SS with a result of 3SS-1 = -100