

Here is Quarantine Quiz # 3 :

1.

You are North.

E	S	W	N
	1H	P	1S
P	2D	P	?

You, as North hold

S A9864  
H J6  
D 94  
C K942

What will you bid?

2.

You are North.

E	S	W	N
	1H	P	1S
P	2D	P	?

You, as North hold

S A85432  
H 4  
D 76  
C Q1085

What will you bid?

3.

You are North.

E	S	W	N
	1H	P	1S
P	2D	P	?

A9764  
J43  
62  
KQJ

What will you bid?

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ # 3

1. When you are the responder to an opening bid with only 6-9 points, you are really low man on totem pole. You are almost sorry you even came out to play today.  
Your partner has offered you a choice of two suits and because you have such a weak hand, you are required to show your preference between HER two suits.  
You KNOW that partner has FIVE Hearts but she may only have have FOUR Diamonds. Thus, you know you have a 7 card H fit. While you don't love either suit, you prefer Hearts so your **bid is 2H**. **This is called Simple Preference**. Opener will know that you do not have three Hearts as you have now promised **6-9 points**. If you had 6-9 points and three Hearts, you would have bid 2H immediately.

Note that you may not bid 2NT on this second bid or that will promise 11-12 HCP.

Note that if you bid 2S on your second bid here, that will suggest really hating both partner's suits and show six card Spade suit (or a good five card Spade suit).

2. Aha, here you hate both partner's suits and you do have an alternative to offer her. You have a 6 card Spade suit. Bid **2S**. This is NOT forcing.  
This shows **6-9 points** and a long Spade suit (could be a decent five card suit occasionally).  
Note that if you had the following hand as North:

AQ10632

2

42

KQ105

You would now have to jump to 3S on your rebid to show 10-12 and a SIX card Spade suit.

Note that NEW suits are forcing but OLD suits are never forcing.

So, your bid is invitational only but NOT forcing.

E	S	W	N
	1H	P	1S
P	2D	P	<b>3S</b>

3. **Bid 3H**. This shows 11-12 (or a good 10) and THREE card support for partner's suit. It is Invitational, not forcing.

If you had held FOUR card support for Hearts and 10-12 points, you would have made a Limit Raise (3H) on your first bid.

Your bid of 3H on your rebid shows 10-12 and THREE Hearts because with 6-9 and three Hearts, you would have bid 2H on your first bid.

If you only bid 2H now, you will be showing TWO Hearts and 6-9 points.

Note that Opener may have had

S xx

H AQxxx

D AQxx

C xx

So, don't even think of bidding 2NT or 3NT on your second bid as Responder. 2NT shows 11-12 HCP. 3NT shows 13-15 HCP. It is always safer to play a hand in a suit contract. **BUT** if you have an 8 card fit in a major, that is to be trumps.