

Partner opens 1NT (15-17) and your RHO overcalls 2♥. What would you call with –

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
♠ K954	K9542	KQ954	K95	K95
♥ 93	9	9	9	9
♦ 9543	9543	Q543	Q54	954
♣ A95	A95	A95	AQ9542	QJ9542
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
♠ K95	KJ53	KJ53	K53	KQ9542
♥ 9	93	A9	AJ8	9
♦ QJ9542	K54	543	9543	9
♣ 954	A985	A985	A95	QJ954

SOLUTIONS

1. Double. Takeout, just like a negative double, looking for a fit.
2. 2♠. Transfers are OFF if they overcall, ON if they double.
3. 3♠. 5x and forcing. Partner can 3NT or 4♠.
4. 3♣. Forcing. Partner may not pass!
5. 2NT* Lebensohl. Demands that partner bids 3♣, then PASS.
6. 2NT* Lebensohl. After partner bids 3♣, correct to 3♦.
7. 3♥. Stayman. Denies a ♥-stopper ***DIRECT DENIES***
8. 2NT* Lebensohl, then 3♥ = stayman and guarantees a ♥-stop ***SLOW SHOWS***
9. 3NT. No frills nonsense.
10. 4♠. He who KNOWS, GOES.

If they overcall 2♣ natural, then a DOUBLE = stayman and all 2-Level bids are weak and natural. If 2♣ = majors DOUBLE = clubs and the ability to play in 3♣.

A similar situation arises when the bidding goes Weak 2 - Double - P - ?

It is important to tell your partner whether you are weak or strong. You will employ LEBENSOHL again. Thus, as per hands 5 and 6 above, you will go 2NT. And bid a direct 3♣ with hand 4 above.

2♥ - X - P - ? what do you call with

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| a) Qxx, 9xx, Qxx, Qxxx | 2S (yes!) |
| b) Kxx, 9x, 9xx, 98xxx | 2NT*, and pass 3♣ *Lebensohl* |
| c) Kx, AQ10953, 9xx, 9x | PASS ! |
| d) Kx, AQ109, J9xx, J10x | 3NT (Pass if they are vul?) |