

## MODULE 11: STUDENT NOTES

### Pre-emptive Opening Bids

A pre-emptive opening is an **obstructive** opening bid. It is designed to make it hard for the opposition to enter the auction and bid their hands accurately.

Once you open with a pre-empt you will **rarely bid again** – partner chooses the final contract.

2-level openings ( <b>except 2♣</b> )	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 6-card suit
3-level openings	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 7-card suit
4-level openings	show 6-10 and a <b>good</b> 8-card suit

*Tip: For those who have learnt about **vulnerability** effect on your score – note you should be more cautious bidding pre-empts, when you are vulnerable.*

#### Opening 2♦ 2♥ or 2♠ (often referred to as a Weak 2)

- 6-10 high card points
- Good 6-card suit (with 2+ honours)

#### Responses

Pass	0-13	any shape
3♦ 3♥ 3♠	14-15	2+ card support
Raise to Game	16+	2+ card support or <b>any HCP &amp; 4+ support</b>
New Suit	17+	Good 6-card suit – forcing ( <b>rarely</b> used bid)

#### Opening 3♣ 3♦ 3♥ 3♠ (often referred to simply as a “pre-empt”)

- 6-10
- 7-card suit (with 2+ honours)

#### Responses

- Pass 0-13 any shape
- Raise Game in Major 16+ 1+ card support or **any HCP & 3+ support** (4♥ or 4♠)
- New suit at 3-level 17+ Good 6+-card suit – (**rarely** used bid)

#### Opening at the Four-Level or Higher (e.g. 4♥ 4♠ – often an 8-card pre-empt)

- 6-10
- 8-card suit (2+ honours)

#### Responses

You have reached game - no need to bid on!

#### Examples:

♠ KJ107543	♠ 2	♠ J2	♠ KQJ9843	♠ 4	♠ AQJ108742
♥ AJ3	♥ AQ8762	♥ A73	♥ 43	♥ J62	♥ 43
♦ K8	♦ 962	♦ J98542	♦ 742	♦ 54	♦ 74
♣ 7	♣ K72	♣ KJ4	♣ 9	♣ AQJ8763	♣ 9
Open 1♠	Open 2♥	Pass (poor suit)	Open 3♠	Open 3♣	Open 4♠

*Tip: Defence vs pre-empts: If the opponents bid with a pre-empt before your turn to call, consider bidding an overcall with an opening hand (12+) and a good suit with 2+ honours. With 3+ support for the unbid suits and a good opening hand (14+), you can **double for takeout** at the 2-level, 3-level or up to 4♥. Normally you have 4+ in unbid Major suit(s).*

# Module 11 Quiz

## Pre-emptive Openings

### 1. What would you open with these hands?

(Tip: If you learnt about vulnerability assume both sides are **not** vulnerable)

**(a)**  
 ♠ AQJ9543  
 ♥ 983  
 ♦ J8  
 ♣ 7

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**(b)**  
 ♠ J4  
 ♥ KQJ876  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ J54

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**(c)**  
 ♠ 52  
 ♥ Q98762  
 ♦ K96  
 ♣ K7

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**(d)**  
 ♠ KQJ987632  
 ♥ 4  
 ♦ 42  
 ♣ K6

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**(e)**  
 ♠ AQ2  
 ♥ 43  
 ♦ AJ98743  
 ♣ 9

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### 2. Partner opens 2♥ - what do you respond?

**(a)**  
 ♠ AQ2  
 ♥ K62  
 ♦ QJ632  
 ♣ A7

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**(b)**  
 ♠ AQ52  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ A654  
 ♣ KJ32

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**(c)**  
 ♠ A4  
 ♥ Q63  
 ♦ A10852  
 ♣ KQ7

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**(d)**  
 ♠ AKJ752  
 ♥ 2  
 ♦ AJ85  
 ♣ A7

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**(e)**  
 ♠ AK2  
 ♥ 9862  
 ♦ AQ852  
 ♣ 9

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### 3. Partner opens 3♦ - what do you respond?

**(a)**  
 ♠ A85  
 ♥ A862  
 ♦ 3  
 ♣ A10852

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**(b)**  
 ♠ KQJ875  
 ♥ KQ8  
 ♦ 54  
 ♣ AK

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**(c)**  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ AK62  
 ♦ 1087  
 ♣ AKJ52

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**(d)**  
 ♠ KQ2  
 ♥ AQ98  
 ♦ K9  
 ♣ AJ98

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**(e)**  
 ♠ QJ9  
 ♥ KQ10962  
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 ♣ KJ52

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