

# RESPONDING TO PARTNER'S

## **2♣ opening**

When PARTNER OPENS with 2♣ - YOU - Responder cannot pass

*You are feeling very uncomfortable!!  
You have only 1 point.  
You cannot pass.*



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| <u>West</u> | <u>East</u> |
|             | ♠ 85        |
|             | ♥ 9542      |
|             | ♦ 764       |
|             | ♣ J752      |
| 2♣          | ?           |

*I can see trouble ahead!! 2♦ - (negative reply).*

**2♦** “Negative”, Conventional (Artificial), has nothing to do with diamonds.  
It says “I am weak” I HAVE LESS THAN 8 HCP

All other responses are “**POSITIVE**” and natural, showing 8+ HCP  
These “Positive” responses show a good 5+ card suit or NT with a balanced hand.  
If your “Positive” response is diamonds you must jump to 3♦ (As 2♦ is negative).

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| <div><div><div><div><div><u>West</u></div></div><div><div><div><div><div>♠ AQ754</div><div>♥ 106</div><div>♦ 76</div><div>♣ 9862</div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2♣</div><div>2♦</div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div><u>East (you)</u></div></div><div><div><div><div>6 HCP</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2♦</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>Negative reply</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><u>West</u></div></div><div><div><div><div><div>♠ KQ953</div><div>♥ K84</div><div>♦ 95</div><div>♣ 1073</div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2♣</div><div>2♠</div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div><u>East (you)</u></div></div><div><div><div><div>8 HCP</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>5 card suit to bid.</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2♠</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>Positive reply</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div> | <div><div><div><div><div><u>West</u></div></div><div><div><div><div><div>♠ K86</div><div>♥ Q105</div><div>♦ K76</div><div>♣ Q986</div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2♣</div><div>2NT</div></div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div><u>East (you)</u></div></div><div><div><div><div>10 HCP</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>But no 5-card suit to bid.</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>2NT</div></div></div></div><div><div><div><div>Positive reply</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div> |
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### Summary of responses

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| 2♦  | Negative response ( <u>diamond denies</u> )           | 0-7 pts. |
| 2♥  | Positive response - 5+ good hearts                    | 8+ pts.  |
| 2♠  | Positive response - 5+ good spades                    | 8+ pts.  |
| 2NT | Positive response - No 5+ card suit – <u>balanced</u> | 8+ pts.  |
| 3♦  | Positive response - 5+ good diamonds                  | 8+ pts.  |

**Opener's positive suit rebid must be a 5+ card suit**