

Defence against Weak 2's

When the opposition open a 2 level bid (other than 2 ♣) it is generally a weak hand (usually 6-9 HCP). If you don't know for sure then ask. They are trying to disrupt your bidding.

There are a number of bids you can make

1. Bid your suit.
2. Bid 2NT.
3. Double.
4. Cue Bid.

1. Bidding your suit.

If you have a good 5 card suit and opening points then bid it. Partner will know about the opening hand and will carry on bidding if he has one too. Maybe even to NT!

You would bid any of these suits at the two level or at the three level if need be.

After an opening bid by the opposition of 2 ♥;

♠ AJ642
♥ 52
♦ AK96
♣ QT
Bid 2♠

♠ AJ
♥ 52
♦ AK9765
♣ QT3
Bid 3♦

♠ AJ642
♥ 5
♦ AK963
♣ QT
Bid 2♠

♠ AJ642
♥ AK96
♦ 96
♣ QT

Pass may be partner can double and you can leave it in for penalties

2. Bidding NT.

Any hand that you would have opened 1NT if it weren't for that pesky opposition can be bid at the 2 level **providing** you have a stopper in their suit.

Transfers and Stayman apply. Again after the opposition opens 2 ♥

You
2NT
3D
2NT
3♠

Partner
3♣
3NT
3♥
4♠

Notes
Have you got a 4 card major
No major but I have 9 pts lets try 3NT
Tr to Spades
I have 6 spades so we have a fit

3. Double.

Mostly this is a negative double. If you have a point range of 12-15 then you should have the correct shape of shortage in opp suit and at least 3 in every other suit, with an emphasis on the other major.. You will not bid again unless partner forces you with a cue bid.

If you are stronger then you can bid your own suit so the above restrictions do not apply. But you must have 16 points.

If you bid oppositions suit after the double then you will be stronger again a 4 loser hand or 21 HCPs

For example.

After 2♦;

♠ AJ642	Double (partner must say something unless 2♦ is going off. Then bid Spades.
♥ AKQ6	
♦ 52	
♣ QT	
♠ AJ64	Double and then pass even if partner bids spades
♥ AK96	
♦ 52	
♣ QT4	
♠ AK642	Double and then bid 3♥
♥ A5	
♦ AT9	
♣ AQT	

4. Cue Bid.

A cue bid (bidding the oppositions suit) is best as asking for a stopper. Need at least 16 points to do this. You are looking to NT but you don't have a stopper yourself.

After 2♦

You		Partner	
3♦	Do you have a stopper in ♦'s?	3♥	No but I have a heart suit
		3NT	Yes