

Partner opens the bidding -an opponent intervenes

e.g (partner)		(you)	
N	E	S	W
1S	2D	?	

The first thing to say is that if you were going to respond with a call that you can still make , then you should do so. ie the intervening bid will not have prevented you bidding

So if you intended to reply 2Sp {say } then you should do so.

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1S	2D	?	
		AQxx	
		xxx	
		xxx	
		xxx	

Problems occur when you can't make the bid you wanted to

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N	E	S	W
1S	2D	?	
		xxx	
		AQx	
		xxx	
		xxxx	

You would have replied 1NT. Now what ?

Well in such circumstances you should raise partner's suit yes , *even with only 3 card support.*

Your philosophy should be that you don't intend to be pushed out and prevented from bidding if you can jolly well help it ! So there.

Inevitably though there will be times that there is nothing you can bid despite having some number of points.

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N	E	S	W
1H	2D	?	
		AQxx	
		Jx	
		xxx	
		Qxxx	

Here you must Pass. { The auction is not over yet so don't worry ! You may yet get a second chance}. See over the page.

By the way -it is totally unethical to pause ,mutter , snarl and roll your eyes before passing! Cheating would be another word for it. You must pass smoothly without a care.