

A trial bid is as we have seen a new suit bid at the three level after a suit has been agreed. { One day -and it is getting closer you will learn what a new suit at the *four level* shows }.

Heres an interesting type.

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N                S
1S-----1NT
2H-----2S
3H
    
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Spades have been agreed so 3H is a trial bid of course; more than that though , the bid of 3H promises 5---5 in the majors.

South is again being asked to go to game { in either suit} if they are maximum or go to game if their holding in the trial bid suit includes honours.

So

a) AQxxx	Kxx	b) AQxxx	Kxx	c) AQxxx	Kxx
AQxxx	----- xx	AQxxx	Kx	AQxxx	xx
AJ	xxxxx	AJ	xxxxx	AJ	Kxxxx
x	Kxx	x	xxx	x	Kxx
1S-----1NT		1S-----1NT		1S-----1NT	
2H-----2S		2H-----2S		2H-----2S	
3H-----3S		3H-----4S		3H-----4S	

a) responder is min and has no fit in the trial suit so signs off in 3Sp

b) responder is min but has a fit in the trial suit so bids 4Sp.

a) responder is max and although has no fit in the trial suit has no hesitation in raising to 4Sp.

We have said that the trial bid will be in opener's second suit .

There is a an extension to this though (if you like you can think of it as what to do if you *don't* have a second suit)...

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e.g  AQxxx      Kxxx
     KJx  ----- Qxxx
     Kxx      Qx
     Ax       xxx

     1S-----2S
     3D-----4Sp.
    
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Here opener makes a trial bid in a *three card suit* ; responder duly raises to 4Sp as they have a fit { or an honour anyway } in this trial bid suit.

