



Presents:

The Preemptive Raise

Now that the **Cue Bid** is our way to show a **good hand with** support, we gain the ability to make **Preemptive Raises** with our bad hands **with** support.

Take our hand here. We have excellent shape and support for Spades but a very weak hand. This hand can behave differently than normal because now East has overcalled 2 Hearts. How much can we bid?

Rule: Use the **Law of Total Tricks**

When both sides have fits and are competing in the auction, we have a simple way to determine how high our side can compete.

1. Count the number of trumps on your side
2. You can bid to that trick level
 - 9 trumps = the 9 trick level (3 Level)

The screenshot shows a bridge bidding interface. At the top, the auction progress is displayed: WEST, NORTH, EAST, SOUTH. The bids are: WEST (blank), NORTH (1♠), EAST (2♥), and SOUTH (blank). Below the auction, the hand for South is shown. The cards are: 10♠, 7♠, 6♠, 2♠, 2♥, 10♣, 9♣, 3♣, 2♣, Q♦, J♦, 10♦, 2♦. The hand is labeled 'S' and 'South - Click to Sit'. The interface also shows 'Robot' labels for both sides.

So, based on **the law**, South knows her side has 9 trumps and can safely compete to the 3 level in the above auction. With **weak hands** like South's it is always best to **jump to our best level**. This direct approach has great preemptive value.

RAISES WITH **GOOD HANDS** IN COMPETITION:

RAISES WITH **BAD HANDS** IN COMPETITION:

CUE BID

10+ Points

&

Min. 8 card fit

SINGLE RAISE:

6 – 9 points
minimum 8 card fit

JUMP RAISE TO 3 LEVEL:

less than 7 points
minimum 9 card fit

JUMP RAISE TO 4 LEVEL:

less than 10 points
minimum 10 card fit



Reminder:
 When our hands are weak, the opponents' hands are more likely to be strong. So **this is the time to bid our bad hands quickly.**



Look at how much this bid **crowds the auction.**

This **Preemptive Raise** has several advantages:

- It takes an entire level of bids away from the opponents
- It is relatively safe based on the Law of Total Tricks
- It frequently forces mistakes by the opponents.

Here's a look at a preemptive raise after their side opens the bidding. Same principles apply on this auction: **Bid your bad hands quickly and use the Law.**

Here's the full deal on that last one:

Look how difficult the 3 Heart bid makes it for the East and West players.

Even if they get this right, we can feel confident that we have made their decisions as difficult as possible.

Teaching Board 8

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♥	1♠	3♥

North - Click to Sit Robot

West - C Robot

East - C Robot

South - Click to Sit Robot