

Using the Bridge Training Website

Bridge Training allows you to practise on your own, by playing boards that I have uploaded and then reading my notes about them. It is free, and there seems to be no limit to the number of times that you can use it or the number of times you can play any board. It is a French site, with an English-language version.

You will find links to each board on the Lessons pages of the BridgeWithNick website. You can play each board individually, by clicking on the relevant link.

Bidding

At the start of each board, you will see a screen like this.

When it's your turn, you will use the Bidding Box to make your bid.

Bridge Training tells you how many points you have.

The Auction Box shows all the bids that have been made. It is empty at the start.

The dealer is the first player on the left of the Auction Box, whose name is spelt out. East is the dealer here.

The white circle shows whose turn it is to bid. It is East's turn here.

You are always at the bottom of the screen/table. So you are South.

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3NT	3♠	3♥	3♦	3♣
4NT	4♠	4♥	4♦	4♣
5NT	5♠	5♥	5♦	5♣
6NT	6♠	6♥	6♦	6♣
7NT	7♠	7♥	7♦	7♣
XX	PASS	X		

Auction
EAST S W N

13 HCP

Hand (South):
 ♠ K, Q, 7, 7
 ♥ A, 7, 6, 6
 ♣ 9, 6, 4, 4
 ♦ K, J, 10, 4

When it is your turn to bid, you will see a screen like this.

East has passed.

The white circle shows that it is your turn to bid.

The Bidding Box shows all the possible bids. Click on the one that you want to make. 1NT is the best bid here.

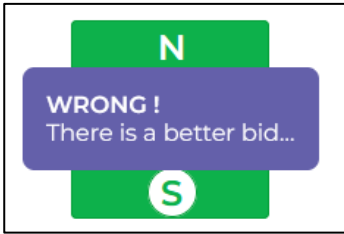
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If your bid does not match the one that has been set for Bridge Training, it will tell you so – brutally! Then it will let you try again, and if there's still no match it will just make the set bid for you. So you can never end up in the wrong contract.

If the auction is not yet over, you will be able to make a second bid.

When there have been three consecutive passes, the auction will be over. Bridge Training shows this just for a moment.

Now you are ready to play.

Playing the Cards

The screenshot shows the Bridge Training interface with several callouts:

- The contract and your target:** Points to the contract information: "Contract 3NT by South" and "at least 9 tricks".
- See the contract and the last trick:** Points to the information icon (i).
- Ask for help. BT highlights the best cards to play.** Points to the pencil icon.
- The current trick score:** Points to the N/S and E/W score indicators.
- You can claim how many more tricks you will win, without having to play them. BT will check!** Points to the green card icon.

The interface also displays:

- North's hand: ♠ A 7 4 4, ♥ 7 5 3 2, ♣ A Q 8 6 6 6, ♦ Q J J.
- East's hand: ♠ 4, ♥ 4, ♣ 4, ♦ 4.
- South's hand: ♠ 10 3 3, ♥ A 9 6 6 6, ♣ K 7 3 2 2, ♦ A K 4 3 3.

South is always the declarer on Bridge Training. If you are South or East, then after the bidding, it shows you your hand, the opening lead (made by West) and the dummy (North). If you are West, it just shows your hand until you have made the opening lead.

Click on the card you want to play.

Bridge Training plays the other players' cards automatically, selecting the best ones.

At the end of the play, Bridge Training offers you three options.

Play again does what it says.

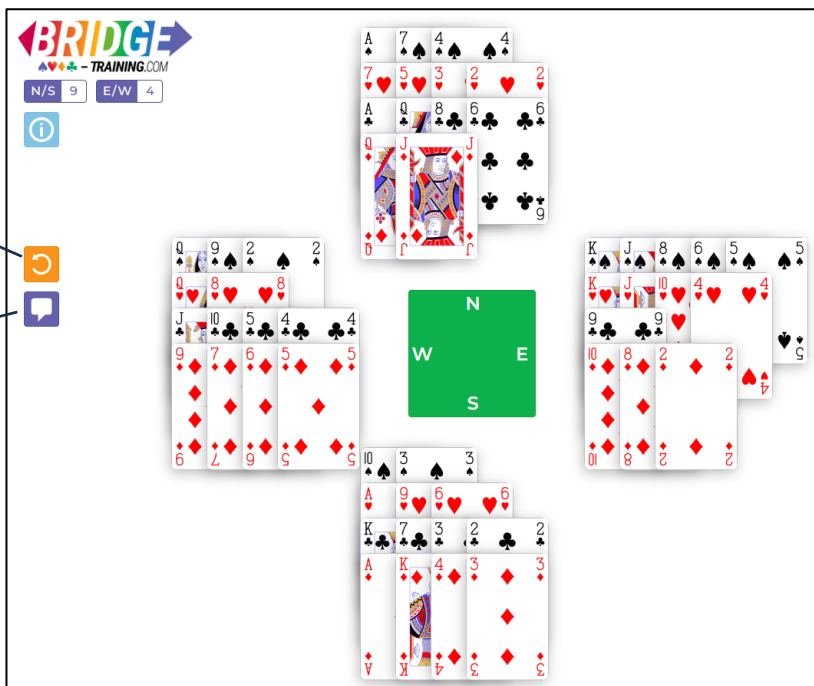
The screenshot shows three blue buttons stacked vertically:

- Play again
- Display all four hands
- Game review

Display all four hands also does what it says.

Play again

Game review



Game review shows you all four hands and my notes on how to play them.

If the notes are too long for the Game Review box, you can view them all by clicking in the box and scrolling with your mouse or pressing the up/down arrows on your keyboard.

You can Play again or exit the website.

Contract	4♥	NORTH	
Lead	♠8	♠ K Q 5	
		♥ Q J 4	
		♦ J 5 2	
		♣ 9 5 3 2	
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 8 6 3		♠ 10 7 4	
♥ 10 8		♥ 9 7 2	
♦ 9 8 6 4 3		♦ A 10	
♣ 8 6		♣ A K Q J 7	
		SOUTH Declarer	
		♠ A 9 2	
		♥ A K 6 5 3	
		♦ K Q 7	
		♣ 10 4	

Play again

Game review

West leads ♠8. Partner's suit is a good lead; she leads the top of a doubleton. East wins the first two tricks and leads a third club honour*.

Declarer has three losers: 1 diamond and 2 clubs (already lost) and does not need to eliminate any. She can ruff East's club, but West can probably ruff it, too. Declarer must win this trick, or else the defenders will take ♠A as well and she will be defeated.

If you want to play another board, exit the Bridge Training website and click on another link in your list of boards.