

## All Purpose Game Tries

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Most intermediate and higher players use HELP SUIT GAME TRIES when concerned about a side suit to avoid games that are likely to fail. Dave Claar told me about this simple but effective gadget that covers other concerns in bidding close games. With most conventions, you give up something to get something, but this one comes with no loss and it is SIMPLE! It applies only to auctions beginning with 1♥ - P - 2♥ or 1♠ - P - 2♠. Here is how it works:


### 2 NT asks for general strength

Responder should return to 3 of the major with 6-7 points or bid game with 8-9 points.


### 3 of major asks for help in trump suit

Responder should pass with less than 2 honors or bid game with 2+ honors.


#### Example 1

♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ K 4 3 2 ♣ 9 7 2		♠ K 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ K 5
<i>West</i>  2♥ 3♥ Pass	<i>East</i>  1♥ 2N! Pass	


#### Example 1A

♠ 9 3 2 ♥ K 3 2 ♦ K Q 3 2 ♣ 9 7 2		♠ K 6 ♥ A Q 9 8 6 5 ♦ A 7 5 ♣ K 5
<i>West</i>  2♥ 4♥	<i>East</i>  1♥ 2N! Pass	

#### Example 2

♠ Q 7 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ K 6 5 3		♠ 10 9 8 5 4 ♥ A K 8 7 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 10
<i>West</i>  2♠ Pass	<i>East</i>  1♠ 3♠!	

#### Example 2A

♠ K Q 7 2 ♥ Q 2 ♦ 10 6 5 4 ♣ 6 5 3		♠ 10 9 8 5 4 ♥ A K 8 7 ♦ A 2 ♣ A 10
<i>West</i>  2♠ 4♠	<i>East</i>  1♠ 3♠! Pass	