

Lesson 10: Bonus Points for Bravery

General

We continue to use the advanced variant of the staircase that contains bonuses. Remember from last time that the transition from tricks to contracts can be tricky, so be patient with those children who haven't understood this fully yet.

Lessons 9 and 10 can be difficult. Feel free to spend more than 2-3 times on each of these lessons. At the end, you can shuffle and deal random hands, and see who gets the highest total on the contracts they can reach.

Plan for the day

1. Set the mood: What we are going to learn about today is something called "game". What do you think about using bidding boxes?
2. Repeat concept: To go from tricks to contract: tricks above 6. Show more examples of contracts, and see if they remember: Take the bidding box and hold up, e.g. 1 diamond: How many tricks, and what is trumps? 3 NT? 6 clubs etc. What is a contract? How many tricks does the other side have to take in order to defeat 6 clubs? What does it mean to make the contract?
3. Today's theme: Bonus levels. [Video link](#) (2:59 mins).
4. Talk about today's topic (3 mins): With what cards can it pay to be a little bolder than the stairs say? (Hint: with few or many trumps combined?) The concept everyone should remember is "game". Focus on 3NT, 4 hearts, 4 spades.
5. Divide into tables of 4. Check that everyone knows how to use the bidding box.
6. NB! We will still announce honour points out loud and use the stairs to decide the contract. Remember to put the correct staircase (the advanced one) on the table.
7. Play Lesson 10: Let them write the contract and result on the score slip. NB! Where to find the score if the contract is made? Look at the bidding box card.
8. Be careful: Focus on the fact that it is fun to use the bidding box.
9. Extra tasks (if someone finishes early): exercise sheet about contracts.
10. Wrap up and summarise the session.

Today's tip for assistants:

Allow plenty of time to find the score for the contract, and let everyone see.

Ending

Make sure you have a good summing up.