

# Lesson 8: Signalling

## General

How important is collaboration in bridge? Today, the focus is cooperation in defence. Talk about what constitutes good collaboration. Cover many things, everything from how to play the cards to how to treat your partner so that partner plays well. You can also talk about what is within the rules, ethics.

## Plan for the day

1. Set the mood: What do you think about bridge being a team game?
2. Repeat concept: Sequence. Top of a sequence. Examples.
3. Today's theme: Cooperation in defence. [Video link](#) (2:40 min).
4. Discuss today's topic (3 mins): How can the order in which we play our cards help us defend? What techniques do we have? What else can we do to achieve good cooperation? Focus on what is allowed, not allowed: To say that your partner is good is allowed, to say "continue playing this suit" is not allowed.
5. Divide into tables of 4.
6. Play the hands for Lesson 8: Let them write the result on the score slip according to established routines.
7. Beware: No one plays perfect bridge after only 8 weeks. Therefore, both the declarer and the opponents waste tricks. That's what it's like to have played for 8 weeks. Today's focus is on playing a signal, and that the partner understands that it promises an honour. Then they get to use information as they want.
8. Extra tasks (if someone finishes early): Counting games.
9. Wrap up and summarise the session.

## Today's tip for assistants:

Coping is the key to well-being. And well-being is the key to mastery. Confident children learn better. Stay focused that everyone treats their partner in a way that makes their partner perform at their best.

What they can master is today's theme. Today's focus is that the player chooses a signal, and that the partner understands that it promises an honour. Those who manage to do so deserve praise! Then they get to use the information that they want to afterwards.

## Ending

Make sure you have a good summing up.