

Third Hand High: In each of the following layouts, Partner leads 5 and declarer plays 3 from dummy. What card you need to play to ensure your side takes the maximum number of tricks?

1.

Partner ♠ K J 6 <u>5</u> 2	Dummy ♠ 7 <u>3</u>	You ♠ A 8 4
	Declarer ♠ Q T 9	

2.

Partner ♠ Q T 6 <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ 9 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K 7 2
	Declarer ♠ A J 4	

3.

Partner ♠ Q 9 7 <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ A 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K T 6
	Declarer ♠ J 4 2	

Only as High as Necessary: Partner leads 5 and 3 is played from dummy. What card you play? What you expect to happen?

4.

Partner ♠ <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ A 9 <u>3</u>	You ♠ Q J T
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5.

Partner ♠ <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ J 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K Q T
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6.

Partner ♠ <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ A 6 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K J T
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Trapping High Cards: In each of the following layouts, Partner leads 5 and 3 is played from dummy. What card you need to play to ensure your side takes the maximum number of tricks?

7.

Partner ♠ K 9 6 <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ Q 7 <u>3</u>	You ♠ A J 4
	Declarer ♠ T 8 2	

8.

Partner ♠ Q 7 6 <u>5</u>	Dummy ♠ J 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K T 2
	Declarer ♠ A 9 4	

9.

Partner ♠ J 9 7 <u>5</u> 4	Dummy ♠ K <u>3</u>	You ♠ A T 6
	Declarer ♠ Q 8 2	

When Partner Leads a High Card: In each of the following layouts, Partner leads the jack a 4 is played from dummy. Which card must you play on the first trick and how should defenders play the suit to get all of the tricks they are entitled to?

10.

Partner ♠ <u>J</u> T 8 5	Dummy ♠ K 7 <u>4</u>	You ♠ A Q 6
	Declarer ♠ 9 3 2	

11.

Partner ♠ <u>J</u> T 9 5	Dummy ♠ K 8 <u>4</u>	You ♠ A 6 3
	Declarer ♠ Q 7 2	

12.

Partner ♠ K <u>J</u> T 9	Dummy ♠ 7 5 <u>4</u>	You ♠ A 6 3
	Declarer ♠ Q 8 2	

Unblocking: In each of the following layouts, Partner leads the indicated card and declarer plays dummy's ace. Which card must you play to take 4 tricks in the suit if you have the only entry outside of this suit?

13.

Partner ♠ <u>Q</u> J T 6 3	Dummy ♠ <u>A</u> 9 2	You ♠ K 4
	Declarer ♠ 8 7 5	

14.

Partner ♠ <u>J</u> T 9 6 5	Dummy ♠ <u>A</u> 8 3	You ♠ K Q 2
	Declarer ♠ 7 4	

15.

Partner ♠ Q T 7 <u>5</u> 2	Dummy ♠ <u>A</u> 9 4	You ♠ K 3
	Declarer ♠ J 8 6	

More Examples: Partner leads the indicated card, and 3 is played from dummy. Which card you play?

16.

Partner ♠ <u>4</u>	Dummy ♠ T 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K J 5
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17.

Partner ♠ <u>6</u>	Dummy ♠ A 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ Q J 2
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18.

Partner ♠ <u>T</u>	Dummy ♠ A Q <u>3</u>	You ♠ K J 4
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19.

Partner ♠ <u>4</u>	Dummy ♠ Q 8 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K J T
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20.

Partner ♠ <u>Q</u>	Dummy ♠ 8 4 <u>3</u>	You ♠ K 7
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Answers:

1. **A**
2. **K**
3. **K**
4. **T**
5. **T**
6. **K**
7. **J**
8. **T**
9. **T**
10. **6**
11. **3**
12. **A**
13. **K**
14. **Q**
15. **K**
16. **K**
17. **J**
18. **4**
19. **T**
20. **K**