RESPONDING TO A WEAK TWO

With a weak hand (0 to about 14 points) and support

- bid to the level of the fit.

So, with three-card support you will raise to the three-level (nine-card fit),

and with four-card support you will raise to the four-level (ten card fit).

♠	Q 5 4 3	Partner opened 2♠ (weak)
♥	7 2	Ten-card fit - bid 4♠.
♦	T 8 6 4	It won't make, but it will score better than the opponents
♣	8 5 2	making 4♥.

With a weak hand and no support

just pass.

Never try to rescue partner -

it will just be the first step in digging a deeper hole.

♠	8	Partner opened 2♠ (weak)
♥	7 2	Pass - stop now while you still can and before you get
♦	Q J T 9 8 6 4	doubled.
♣	8 5 2	

With enough for game (something like 15+ points) and at least two-card support

just bid it.

Neither partner nor your opponents will know if the bid is realistic or a level-of-fit preempt.

Without support bid 3NT or change suit (forcing).

♠	K 5	Partner opened 2♥.
♥	K Q 3	Either bid 4♥,
♦	K T 2	or bid 2NT (below) if you think there might be a slam.
♣	A K 8 6 4	

If you might have enough for game (say 15 or so points) or slam and want to know more

bid 2NT (artificial and forcing for one round)

Partner will describe his hand using an agreed set of artificial responses - see separate sheet.

♠	K 5	Partner opened 2♥.
♥	K 6 4	Enough for game if partner is top of range.
♦	Q J 5 2	Bid 2NT.
♣	A Q J 2	