Partner opened a weak two – what happens next? - Summary Sheet

Partner opened a weak two

Partner's hand is closely defined -perhaps a 6-card suit and 5 to 10 points or something similar according to the partnership agreement.

It is likely that partner will be happy to go down in a contract in the interests of stopping the opponents bidding and making a higher-scoring contract.

Direct raises are never constructive

Partner's bid was designed to 'get in the way'.
Your direct raises should 'get in the way a bit more' and make life even more difficult for your opponents.
Typically, you will raise to the three-level with 3-card support (9-card fit) or the four-level with four-card support (10-card-fit) and may be extremely weak in high cards. Such raises are not invitational in any sense. Partner will pass.

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	T 9 K 4 3 T 7 5 2 9 8 4 2	Partner opened 2♥. 3-card suit – 9-card fit – no aspirations to a game contract - bid 3♥. You will make this bid whether RHO passed, doubled, or overcalled in a suit below the level of 3♥.

Change of suit

Do not rescue partner – it usually leads to 'digging a bigger hole'.
Play a change of suit as forcing for one round, with at least some hopes of a game contract your way.
Usually, it will be a good suit of at least 5 cards and usually poor support for partner (void or singleton)

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	Q 6 5 T A K Q T 5 2 A 3 2	Partner opened 2♥. Excellent suit with hopes of a game, but a misfit and limited chances if partner is minimum. Bid 3♦ – one-round force showing a game interest.

The 2NT ask

With at least 2-card support and invitational values (say 13+) bid 2NT.
This is artificial and forcing, and asks opener to tell you more about their hand.

Responding to the 2NT ask.

The most common set of responses in general club bridge (but not necessarily the best) are **OGUST** responses.

3♣	Minimum hand (say 5 - 7points)	Poor suit (at most 1 top honour (A,K,Q))
3♦	Minimum hand	Good suit (2 top honours)
3♥	Maximum hand (say 8 – 10 points)	Poor suit
3♠	Maximum hand	Good suit
3NT	AKQ in trump suit	

♠ ♥ ♦ ♣	K T 9 8 6 5 T 9 Q T 5 2 A 2	You opened 2♠ and partner responded 2NT.. Bid 3♥ – 1 top honour in your suit but a maximum hand. Partner will pick the final contract.