

Logic on Defense

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In each of the examples, you are always **West** leading a spade, an unbid suit, against a suit contract. **North** is the dummy, South, the declarer. The card played to the first trick by each player is in bold face. Tip: Before answering each example problem, ask yourself:

“If declarer had the asked for missing honor, would the play have gone this way?”

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#1

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | North ~ Dummy | |
| | ♠ A 7 6 | |
| West ~ You | | East |
| ♠ K 10 4 2 | | ♠ 5 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 8 | |

West leads the ♠2, North plays the ♠A, East plays the ♠5 and South follows with the ♠8. Who has the ♠Q and why?

#2

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| | North ~ Dummy | |
| | ♠ A Q 5 3 | |
| West ~ You | | East |
| ♠ K 10 4 2 | | ♠ 7 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 6 | |

West leads the ♠2, North plays the ♠Q, East plays the ♠7 and South follows with the ♠6. Who has the **jack** and why?

#3

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| | North ~ Dummy | |
| | ♠ A 10 5 3 | |
| West ~ You | | East |
| ♠ Q J 9 8 | | ♠ 4 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 6 | |

West leads the ♠Q, North plays the ♠A, East plays the ♠4 and South follows with the ♠6. Who has the **king** and why?

#4

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|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | North ~ Dummy | |
| | ♠ Q J 9 8 6 | |
| West ~ You | | East |
| ♠ A K 10 7 3 | | ♠ 4 |
| | South | |
| | ♠ 2 | |

Who has the **5**? If South plays the five, who has the 2?

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