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Response to 1NT with majors 5-5 and competitive, inviting or forcing hand.

When partner opens 1NT and we have a 2 suited hand with majors 5-5 , one thing is sure : we have no intention to pass.

We need however to be able to differentiate *competitive* (0-6) , *inviting*(6-7) and *G.F.*(8+) hands.

With a **competitive** hand such as :

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♠ K 10 9 8 5 we bid first the ambiguous 2♣ . If North rebid is 2♥ o 2♠ , we shall be
♥ Q 8 6 4 2 happy to pass . If instead North bids 2♦ , we would bid 2♥ showing
♦ 2 a competitive hand with 5 ♥ and 4+♠ . North would then pass with a
♣ 4 5 3 cards support in ♥ , or correct to 2♠ with 2 cards support in ♥ and 3

3 cards support in ♠ , rightly choosing to play in a sure 4-3 fit , that could turn out to be a 5-3 fit , rather than playing in 5-2 fit in ♥ .

In either case N-S will play at 2 level with a 5-3 fit.

With an **inviting** hand bidding would go differently :

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♠ K J 10 9 8 In this case , South bids first 2♦ as transfer for ♥ and then bids
♥ Q J 6 4 2 2♠ showing exactly a 5-5 major 2 suiter with 6-7 HCP.
♦ 2 North , with a maximum hand, will conclude at 4 in the major of his
♣ 4 5 choice , while with a minimum hand and a weak fit will pass over

2♠ or correct to 3♥ depending on his fit.

Let us now see how things would go with a **G.F.** hand :

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♠ A K J 10 9 With this hand , South certainly wants to go to game.
♥ Q J 6 4 2 He bids first 2♥ as transfer to ♠ and then bids 3♥ , thus showing
♦ 2 exactly a 5-5 major 2 suiter with G.F. hand.
♣ 4 5 North will then decide to conclude the bidding at 4♥ or 4♠ according

to his fit.