

2♥ You have 13 HCP (minimum hand), a singleton (i.e. unbalanced) and rebiddable hearts, so the hand will probably play better in hearts than anything else and you don't have enough to consider game since your partner will have no more than 9 HCP. Your partner may be unbalanced but will not have 3+ card heart support.

2♠ You have 12 HCP (minimum hand), insufficient heart support to raise hearts, an unbalanced hand (so 2NT is not desirable). The fact that you have six good spades is a bonus. Your partner has shown 10+ HCP and should bid again. However, you will not accept any game invitation.

3NT You have 18 HCP and a balanced hand. Your partner has 10+ HCP, so you have more than enough to bid game. You not no attractive alternative bid that is likely to lead to a better contract. Your partner will be aware that you would normally open 1NT with a balanced 15-17 HCP, so will expect a hand something like this for the bid.

2NT You have 19 HCP and a balanced hand. The bid shows 18-19HCP (with 15-17 HCP and a balanced hand, you would normally open 1NT) and your partner will raise to 3NT or bid something else with an unbalanced hand and/or slam ambitions. A rebid by your partner of 3♠ by your partner would simply show 5+ spades and suggest an alternative to 3NT.

1NT You have 13 HCP and a balanced hand without four card spade support. You have described your hand (balanced 12-14 HCP) and it is up to your partner to decide what do do next.

3♥ You have 16 TP with four card support for hearts. This bid describes your hand (15-17 TP and four card support) and it is up to your partner to decide what to do next.