

Esther "Pop" Quiz #0107:
**"On Defense, What Should You Lead When You (1)
Sit 'Over' the Dummy and (2) You Are in a
'Surround Position'?"**

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Ron Klinger (1941-) is an Australian contract bridge player who has written more than **70** bridge books including his 1990 book, Guide to Better Card Play, which won the "American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Bridge Book of the Year Award." His book, Right Through the Pack Again, won the 2010 "International Bridge Press Association Book of the Year Award." He was Editor of Australian Bridge for 13 years (1972-1985). For many years he has written, and still currently writes, a weekly bridge column for both the Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald.

Klinger also originated the Ron Klinger "**Suit Quality Test ('SQT') Score**". The "**SQT Score**" is computed by adding together (1) the number of cards held in the Suit and (2) the number of Honors (including the Ten) held in the Suit. Suit contracts set at a level of "**SQT Score**" - 6 are generally relatively safe.

Definition of Terms

1. "**Sitting 'Over' the Dummy**" means that you are sitting immediately to the left of the Dummy and thus will play immediately after the Dummy unless you are "on lead".
2. A "**Surround Position**" means that you hold (1) the Honor immediately above Dummy's "top" Honor in a given Suit and (2) also the Honor immediately below Dummy's "top" Honor in a given Suit.

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¹ As noted in an article in the Winter/Spring, 2024 article in The American Bridge Teachers' Association (ABTA) Journal, https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/ABTA_1_24.pdf, Esther Klinktoast-Houstonhousen in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

The present "**Esther Bridge 'Pop' Quiz**" is drawn from **Tip #87** (p. 127) from Klinger's 2003 book, 100 WINNING BRIDGE TIPS for the Improving Player. The examples have been slightly modified by Esther.

*SOUTH is Declarer. NORTH is Dummy. **You** sit EAST.*

	<i>NORTH</i>	
	<i>J 6 4</i>	
<i>WEST</i>		<i>EAST</i>
<i>8 7 5</i>		<i>A Q T 2</i>
	<i>SOUTH</i>	
	<i>K 9 3</i>	

1. *What card should EAST lead after Dummy has been exposed and EAST in "on lead"?*

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