

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0135:  
"A Few 'Quickie' Bridge Bidding Conundrums  
For Beginning Bridge Players"**

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Knoxville 499er Board #6 4/9/25

Dealer: **EAST**

Vulnerability: **E/W**

WEST (10)	EAST (6)
<b>S:</b> T 9 6	<b>S:</b> J 8 4 3
<b>H:</b> A Q J 3	<b>H:</b> 7 5
<b>D:</b> Q T 9 8 7	<b>D:</b> 6 5
<b>C:</b> Q	<b>C:</b> A J 8 6 3

Bidding

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
PASS	PASS	1 <b>D</b> ?	PASS
1 <b>S</b> ?	<b>DBL</b>	PASS	2 <b>C</b> ?
PASS	PASS	2 <b>S</b>	PASS
PASS	PASS		

1. Was WEST's 1**D** opening bid appropriate?
2. Was EAST's bid of 1**S** as Responder appropriate? Was WEST's 2<sup>nd</sup> bid of 2**S** as Responder appropriate?

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<sup>1</sup> 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](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.

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