

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0363:
"As Declarer Do You Know How to Execute a
Bridge 'Safety Play'?"**

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<https://esther-bridge.com/pdf/safety.pdf>

discusses the bridge "Safety Play". In executing a bridge "Safety Play" the bridge Declarer (1) "protects" against the Opponents holding a *very unlikely* but potentially *very unfavorable* Suit "split" (2) at the cost possibly of making 1 less Trick exchanged in favor of greater safety. Here the bridge "Safety Play" is illustrated in the play of one of the Boards from the *free* "BBO Bridge Master" website.

Esther on her "Esther Bridge Lessons" website has previously recommended the "BBO Bridge Master" website:

<https://www.bridgebase.com/v3/anon/bridgemaster>

The "BBO Bridge Master" website allows you to declare your skill level, then shows a series of Hands and announces the final contract, each of which you then play as Declarer. At the end of play you can then request a solution in which the optimal "Line of Play" is discussed step by step. Here we use the *free* "BBO Bridge Master" Level-3 Lesson A-10 which gives you the opportunity to see and *repeatedly practice* playing a given bridge Board. Esther may have altered some of the cards in the Hands.

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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, the purported ACBL Double Triple Emerald Gold Platinum LifeMaster with 20+ million ACBL MasterPoints, in fact is a hypothetical, and not a real person! So, this article was really, really written by Bruce Thompson.

BBO Bridge Master Level 3 Lesson A-10

Dealer: **SOUTH**

NORTH (13)

S: A 5 3 2
H: Q J T 9
D: A 3
C: Q 4 2

WEST (6)

S: Q T 7 4
H: 5 3
D: Q J
C: J 9 8 7 6

EAST (0)

S: 6
H: 8 7 6 4
D: T 9 8 7 6 5
C: T 5

SOUTH (21)

S: K J 9 8
H: A K 2
D: K 4 2
C: A K 3

Bidding

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2 NT	PASS	3 C	PASS
3 S	PASS	6 S	PASS
PASS			

On Trick #1 WEST leads the Diamond Queen thus "promising" either (1) "touching" Honors in a "long" Suit headed by the Diamond Queen or (2) a Diamond doubleton. Declarer SOUTH "wins" Trick #1 with his own Diamond King.

1. Once the NORTH Dummy is exposed what "losers" can Declarer SOUTH see?
2. After the NORTH Dummy is exposed how many Trump Spades does Declarer SOUTH know that E/W together hold? What are all the possible E/W Trump Spade "splits"? What are the probabilities of all these various Trump Spade "splits"?

To see Esther's **suggested answers**, CLICK:
https://esther-bridge.com/quiz/q0363_a1.pdf