

SAYC Summary

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Opening	Characteristics	Response	Meaning	Continuations
1 \square	3+ cards	2 NT	13-15, GF	
1	4+ cards or 4-4-3-2	As to 1 \square		
1	5+ cards	1	4+ Spades, 6+ points, usually no support	
		1 NT	6-10 points	May be passed
		2 NT	Jacoby: raise, 13+ points	3 \square / / shortness 4 min, 3 NT med, 3 max
		3	Limit, 10-12, 3+ (preempt over X)	
		3 NT	15-17 hcps, balanced, 2-card support	
		4	Usually 5+ , shortness, <10 hcps	
1	5+ cards	cf. to 1		
1 NT	15-17 hcps	2 \square	Non-forcing Stayman, usually 8+ hcps	2 / / (2 with both Majors); responders 3 \square / slam interest
		2	Jacoby Transfer to	2 , or 3 with maximum
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		2	Transfer to 3 \square	Responder rebids 3 = signoff
		3 \square /	Invitation to 3 NT with 6-card+ suit	
		3 /	6-card+ suit, slam interest	
		4 \square	Gerber, asking for Aces	4 = 0, 4 = 1, etc.
2 \square	Strong artificial, 22+ or playing equivalent	2	Artificial, may be waiting	
		2 / , 3 \square /	Natural, GF, 5+ cards, 8+ points	
		2 NT	Balanced, 8+ points	
2 / /	6+ (or 5) cards, 5-11 hcps; usually no Major side suit	2 NT	Forcing, game interest	With minimum (5-8 pts): rebid the suit
				With maximum: new suit (shows A/K) or 3 NT of 4 of Minor (shows 4-5 cards with at least Queen)
2 NT	20-21 hcps	3 \square	Stayman	
		3 /	Jacoby Transfer	
		4 \square	Gerber	
		4 NT	Inviting to slam in NT	
3 NT	25-27 hcps	4 \square	Stayman	
		4 /	Jacoby Transfer	4 /

Notes:

1. Open the higher of long (at least 5 cards) suit of equal length
2. With 4-4 Minors, open 1
3. No Trump openings show a balanced hand but may contain a 5-card suit (Minor or Major)
4. Fourth suit may be artificial (Fourth Suit Forcing), except in 1 \square -1 -1 -1
- 5 After 1 -1 -1 NT, responder's 2 \square / is non-forcing