

Your First Online Bridge Session ♠

BridgePlaybook

A simple checklist for playing bridge online · for beginners and club players moving online

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1. Before you start

- ☐ I know the basic rules: tricks, trumps and simple bidding.
- ☐ I've chosen **one** site or app to start with.
- ☐ I've created a free account (no credit card needed).
- ☐ I've written down my site and username below.

Site or app: _____

Username: _____

Password hint: _____

Keep your password itself somewhere safe, not on a note by the computer.

2. Where to start

On my own NeuralPlay app or World of Card Games (free, against the computer)

Real people IntoBridge (free, no daily limit) or BBO (6 free social deals a day)

Friends A private table on IntoBridge, Trickster Bridge or BBO

My club Ask the club: usually RealBridge or BBO

Free limits checked September 2026. They can change.

3. Set up your screen

- ☐ I'm on a tablet or laptop (a phone can feel small).
- ☐ I can read the cards easily. If not: **Ctrl and +** (Cmd and + on a Mac), or turn the tablet sideways.
- ☐ I've turned on "confirm bids and cards" if the site has it.
- ☐ My bidding cheat sheet is printed and next to me.

5. Before I join real people

- ☐ I've played at least **five** practice hands against robots.
- ☐ I'll say hello ("hi" or "gl") when I sit down.
- ☐ I'll keep a steady pace and won't leave mid-hand.
- ☐ I'll alert our partnership's special bids myself.
- ☐ I'll say thank you at the end.

4. My first practice game

1. Open the site and find **Practice** or **Play with robots**.
2. Bid with the bidding box: pick the level, then the suit or NT.
3. Click or tap a card to play it. Only legal cards will move.
4. As declarer, click the dummy's cards to play them.
5. Look at the result, then deal the next hand.

6. Chat words you'll see

gl	Good luck
ty / tyfp	Thank you / thanks for playing
wp / wd	Well played / well done
np · sry · brb	No problem · sorry · be right back
p	Partner

7. If something goes wrong

Screen froze	Refresh the page or reopen the app, then log straight back in. Most sites hold your seat for a short while.
Wrong card or bid	Against robots, press Undo. With people, type "sorry, misclick, undo please?" In a tournament, a played card normally stands.
Ran out of time	Tournaments have a clock. Practice more against robots, or choose casual or relaxed tables.
Rude player	Don't reply. Leave between hands, or mute, block and report them.
Forgot password	Click "Forgot password" on the sign-in screen and check your email.