

# Squeeze

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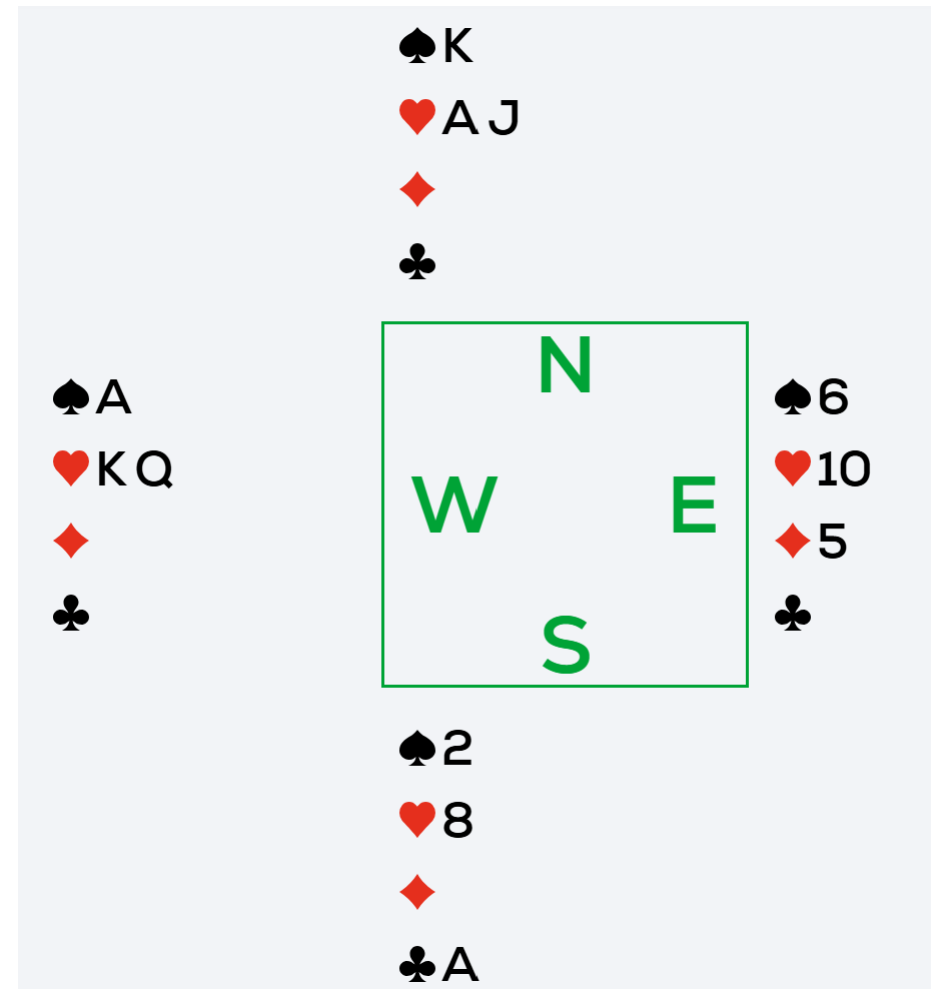
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# What is a squeeze?

- «Magic» way of getting a trick you don't have
- Force opponents to discard a suit they need to keep
- Mostly used for declarer
- Must keep count

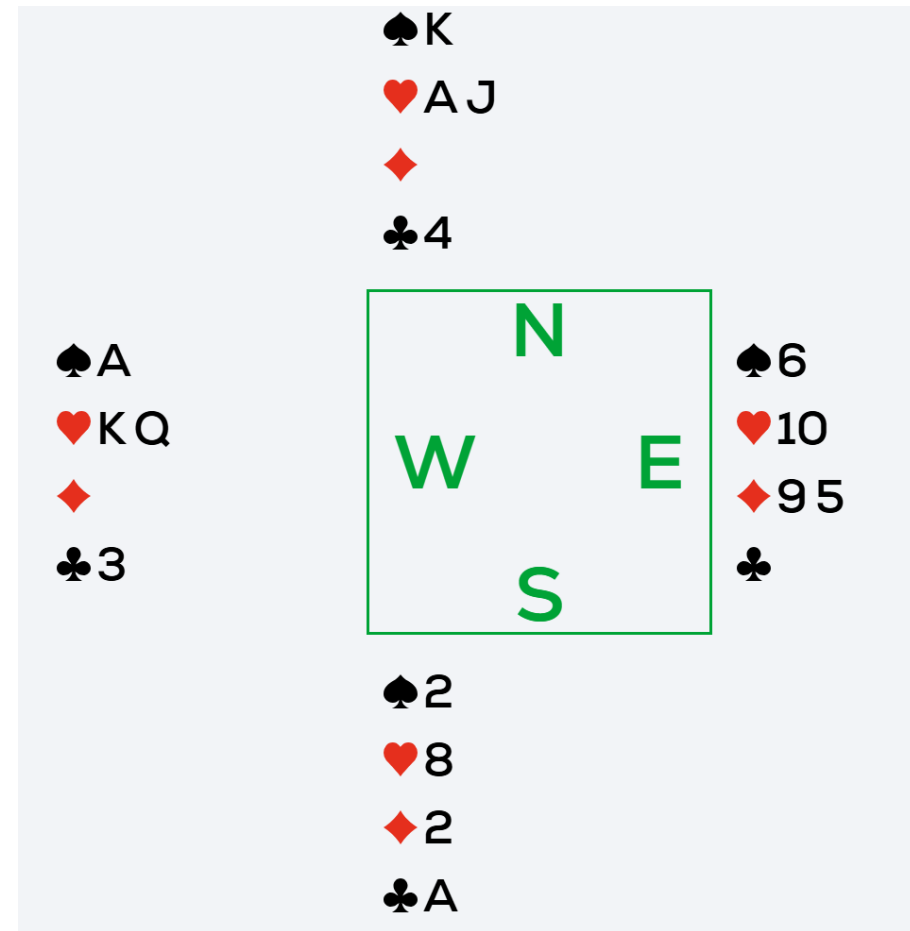
# What is needed for a squeeze

- Correct tempo
- At least two threat cards
- Position
- Communication - entries



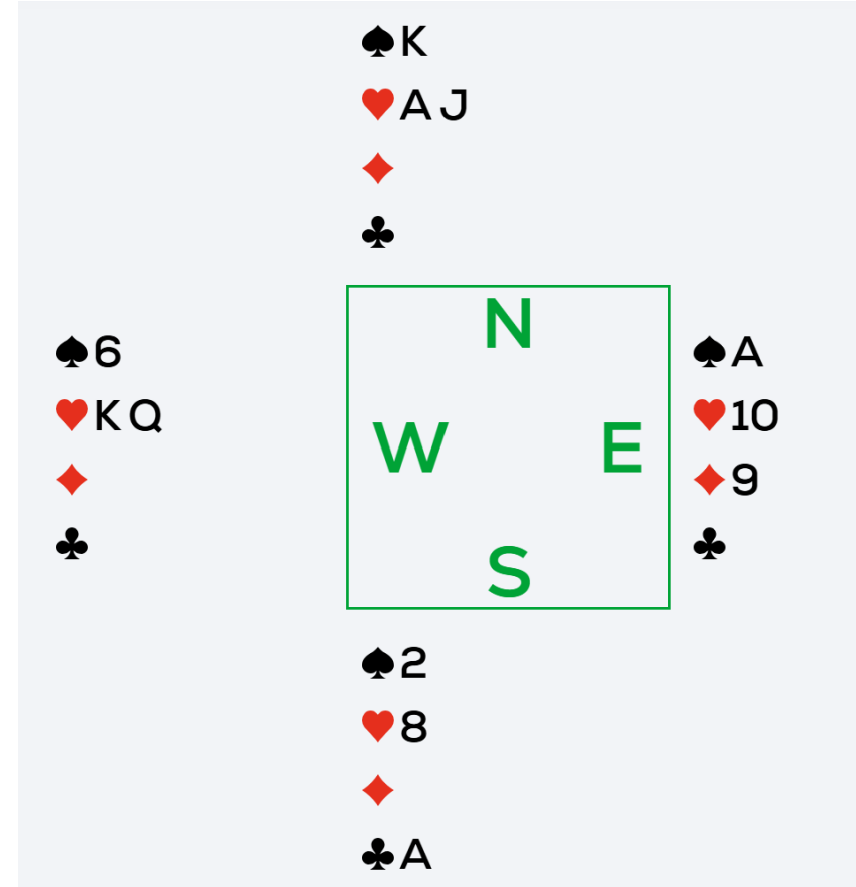
# Tempo

- Only miss one trick
- If not in tempo can't force them to discard
- Give away a trick early to be in tempo



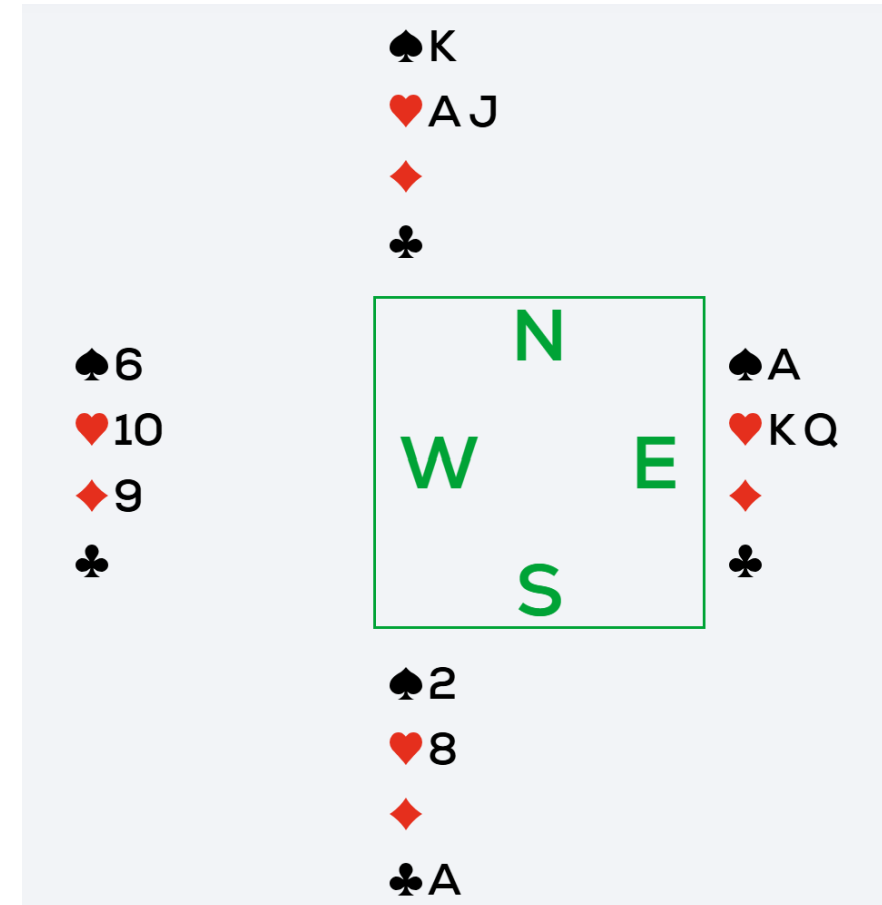
# Threat card

- Cards that force opponents to keep guards
- If opponents discard their guard we make a trick
- Need at least two threat cards in same hand



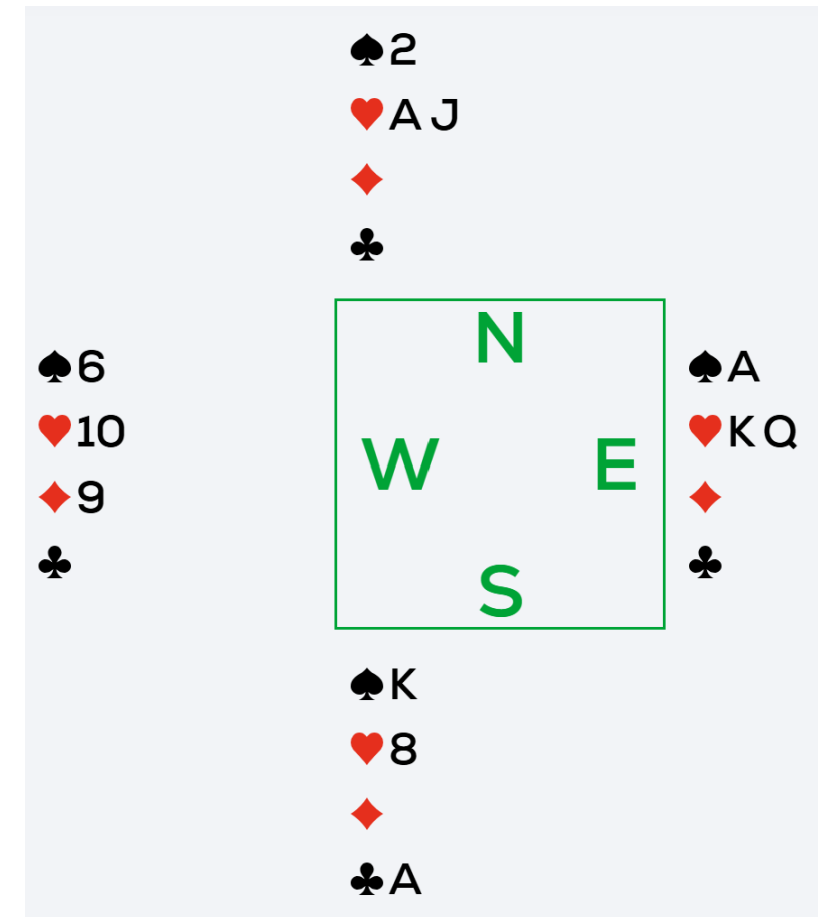
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- Must discard after otherwise other copy
- Discard opposite of opponent
- Can have a threat card on each hand



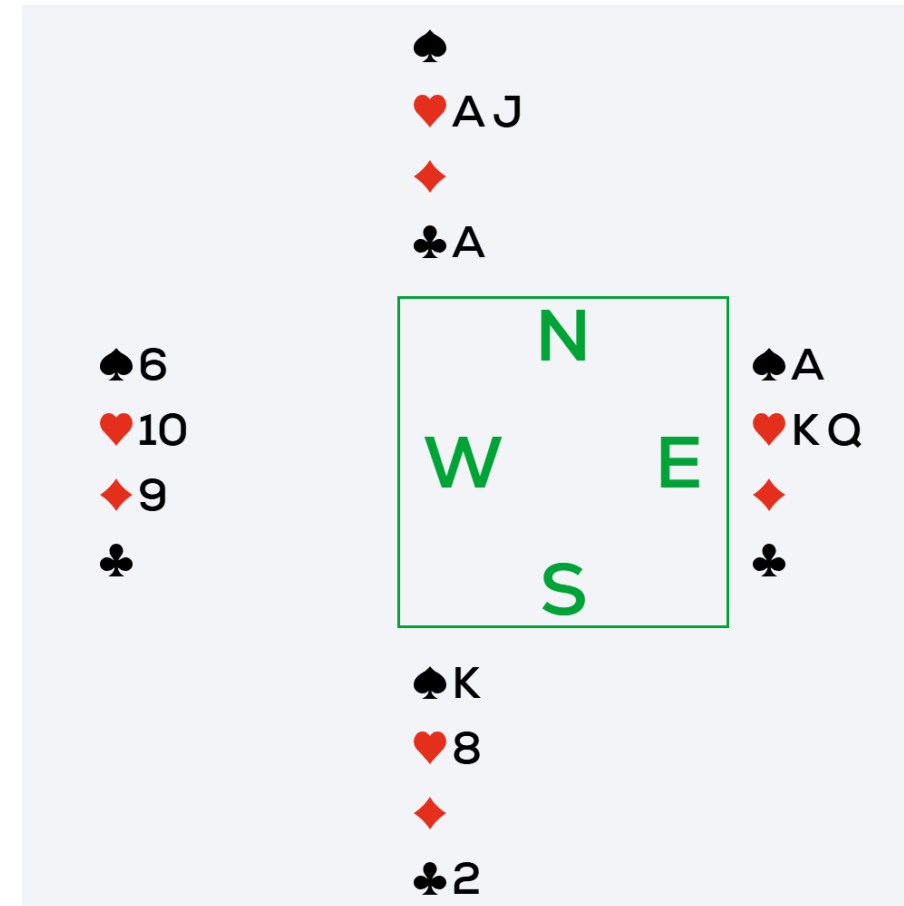
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# Entry - communication

- There must be an entry to the hand with threat cards
- Otherwise can't cash trick





# Different types of squeezes

Type of Squeeze <a href="#">[hide]</a> ⇅	Positional or Automatic ⇅	Opponents ⇅	Suits ⇅	Material or Non-material ⇅	Count Rectified ⇅
<a href="#">Simple squeeze</a>	Either	Single	2	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Criss-cross squeeze</a>	Automatic	Single	2	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Trump squeeze</a>	Either	Single	2	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Progressive squeeze</a> (a.k.a. <a href="#">Triple squeeze</a> )	Positional	Single	3	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Double squeeze</a> (also: <a href="#">Simultaneous double squeeze</a> <a href="#">Non-simultaneous double squeeze</a> )	Either	Double	3	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Compound squeeze</a>	Positional	Double	3	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Entry-shifting squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	2	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Single-suit squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	1	Yes	No
<a href="#">Strip squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	2–3	Yes	No
<a href="#">Backwash squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	2	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Cannibal squeeze</a> (a.k.a. <a href="#">Suicide squeeze</a> )	Positional	Single	2	Yes	Yes*
<a href="#">Stepping-stone squeeze</a>	Positional	Either	2	No	No
<a href="#">Guard squeeze</a>	Positional	Either	2–3	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Vice squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	2–3	Yes	No
<a href="#">Winkle squeeze</a>	Positional	Single	3	No	No
<a href="#">Clash squeeze</a>	Positional	Either	3	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Saturated squeeze</a>	Positional	Double	4	Yes	Yes
<a href="#">Pseudo-squeeze</a>	N/A	N/A	N/A	No	N/A
<a href="#">Entry squeeze</a>	Either	Either	3	No	No
<a href="#">Knockout squeeze</a>	Either	Single	3	No	No

# Summery

- Correct tempo
- At least two threat cards
- Position
- Communication - entries
- Important to pay attention and keep count

♠ A Q 8 2

♥ A K 4 2

♦ 8 4

♣ Q J 3

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♠ K 5 3

♥ J 8 3

♦ A K Q

♣ A K 5 2