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The 2 response shows a five-card or longer suit and is forcing to game. With a bad suit, you can choose to respond 1NT.

2	Distribution relay
2	4 hearts, may have 4 spades
2	4 spades, denies 4 hearts
2NT	No 4 card major
3	6+ clubs, no other 4 card suit
3	5+ diamonds and 6+clubs
3	5+ hearts and 6+clubs
3	5+ spades and 6+clubs
2 2	Alpha
2NT	Alpha in
3	Gamma
3 3 3	Delta
4	Beta

Responder can jump beyond the normal five-step Alpha responses to show:

4	One loser 6+ suit, 4+ controls
unbid suit	6-5 two-suiter with 2-3 top honors in each suit

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## 2 - 2 (4 hearts, may have 4 spades)

2	Checkback relay for 4-4 spade fit, then
2NT	No spade suit then 3 = <b>shortness relay (not Gamma)</b> then
3	singleton or void in diamonds (the suit bid)
3	No shortness (4-2-2-5)
3	singleton or void in spades (the suit bid)
	then 4 is Gamma and 4 is Beta
3 ... 4	Both majors, 0 ... 6 top honors in + <b>combined</b>
2NT	Eta in hearts (not interested in spades)
3	Gamma
3	Alpha
3	Beta
3	Alpha
3NT	Signoff

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## 2 - 2 (4 spades, denies 4 hearts)

2NT	Shortness relay then
3	No shortness (4-2-2-5)
3	Singleton or void in diamonds (the suit bid)
3	Singleton or void in hearts (the suit bid)
3	No shortness (4-3-3-3) 8-12 HCP
3NT	No shortness (4-3-3-3) 13+ HCP
	then 4 is Gamma and 4 is Beta
3	Gamma
3 3	Alpha
3	Eta in

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2 - 2NT (No 4 card major)

3	<b>Shortness relay (not Gamma) then</b>
3	2-2-4-5
3	Singleton or void in hearts (the suit bid)
3	Singleton or void in spades (the suit bid)
3NT	5 332
	then 4 is Gamma and 4 is Beta
3 3 3	Alpha
3NT	Signoff
4	Beta

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2 - 3 (6+ clubs, no other 4 card suit)

3 3 3	Alpha
3NT	Signoff
4	Eta
4	Beta