

BEGINNERS' LESSONS

Welcome



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Module 5

Responder's New Suit Bids



Basic Rules for Responder's bids

1. **Support** Opener's Major suit (covered last week)
2. **Bid a new suit**
3. **Bid 1NT** if options 1 or 2 are not possible (when you have 6-9 HCP and can't raise or bid a suit at the 1-level)

You have 3 choices



New Suit Bids by Responder

- 1-level bid = 6+ HCP
- 2-level bid = 10+ HCP

(NB - don't jump to 2-level if you can bid at 1-level)

These bids are unlimited
they are **FORCING**
Opener **MUST** bid again



Which Suit do you bid first?

1. Longest suit
2. Lower available 4-card suit
3. Higher ranking 5-card suit

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1NT Bid by Responder

- With 6-9 HCP often 1NT is the only response available
- A 1NT response **DOES NOT** promise a balanced hand.

The 1NT Response is often a bid of
“last resort” when you have 6-9 HCP

It is NOT FORCING



Partner Opens 1♥

What do you bid with this hand ?



6+ points and no fit in hearts

Bid 1♠

your own suit at the 1-level



Partner Opens 1♥
What do you bid with this hand ?



10+ points and no fit in hearts

Bid 2♦

your own suit at the 2-level



Partner Opens 1♥ What do you bid with this hand ?



6+ points and no fit in hearts.

Not enough points to bid your longer suit at the 2-level

Bid 1♠

your own suit at the 1-level



Partner Opens 1♥
What do you bid with this hand ?



6+ points and no fit in hearts.

You cannot bid your own suit at the 1-level or 2-level

You MUST Bid 1NT

the only bid left available to you



Basic Rules for Opener's Rebid

– after a Suit Response:

- Agree partner's suit if you have a fit:
- ***AT THE SAME TIME:***
- Describe the quality of your hand
MINIMUM, NEARLY GAME or GAME

Covered later:

- *Bid another suit (if you can)*
- *Bid your own suit again (with extra length)*



What type of Opening hand have you got?

18 – 19	GAME
16 - 17	Nearly Game
12 - 15	Minimum



Supporting Responder's Suit

- **MINIMUM** (12-15) ... raise a level
- **INVITATIONAL** (16-17) ... jump a level
- **GAME** (18-19) ... bid game

MUST HAVE A FIT
ie, 4+ support



The Bridge House

Different levels of Opening and Responding Hands

OPENER

PENTHOUSE -
GAME

18 – 19 pts

MIDDLE FLOOR –
NEARLY GAME

16 – 17 pts

GROUND FLOOR -
MINIMUM

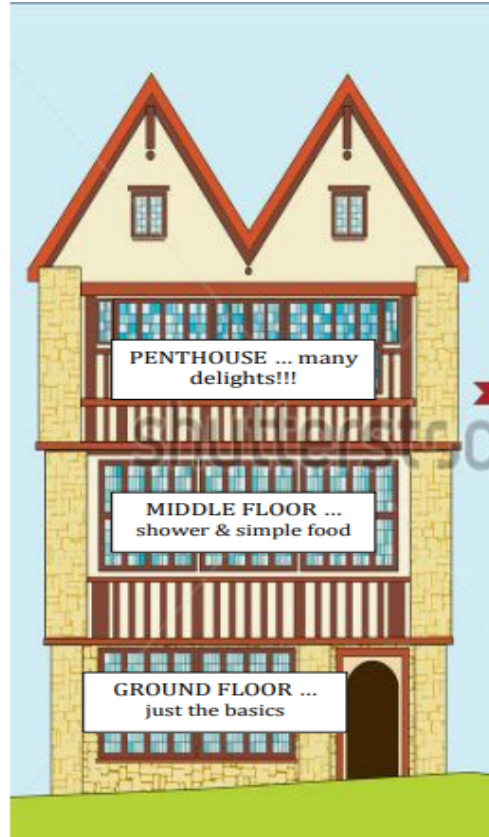
12 – 15 pts

RESPONDER

13 + pts

10 – 12 pts

6 – 9 pts



0 – 11 pts
share with the
dog (and fleas)



0 – 5 pts
share with the dog



Opener's REBID with a Balanced Hand after 1NT response (6-9)

OPENER	HCP	ACTION
Minimum	12 – 15	Pass
Close to Game	16 – 17	Bid 2NT
GAME	18 – 19	BID GAME Bid 3NT



Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♥ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit (14 HCP)

MINIMUM HAND – Bid 2♠



Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♦ with this hand



Partner bids 1♥

You have a fit, 16 HCP

NEARLY GAME (INVITATIONAL) – Bid 3♥



Opener's Rebid – SUPPORT PARTNER

You open 1♣ with this hand



Partner bids 1♠

You have a fit, 19 HCP

GAME – Bid 4♠



How to answer the quiz

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♣ A1085

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♦ AKJ6
♣ 53

Hand 4

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♥ KQJ654
♦ K5
♣ A8

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Repeat hands 2 to 5 in the same manner



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