



LESSON 5 – QUIZ ANSWERS

RESPONDER'S NEW SUIT BIDS & OPENERS REBIDS WITH & WITHOUT A SUIT FIT

1 What is the Rule of 14 and when is it used?

Responder can use it to bid at the 2 level after opener's 1 of a suit bid if the sum of Responder's HCP added to the number of cards in his longest suit = 14. Responder can bid at the 2 level in this suit

2 Your partner opens 1♥. What do you tell your partner by the following bids?

- a) 2♥ *6 – 9 HCP and 4+ Hearts*
- b) 1NT *6 – 9 HCP, no 4 card Heart or Spade suit*
- c) 3♥ *10 – 12 HCP and 4+ Hearts*
- d) 1♠ *6 - 28 HCP, 4+ Spades and fewer than 4 Hearts*
- e) 2♦ *10+ HCP, (or meets rule of 14), 4+ Diamonds (may have 4 spades but if so must have 5+ diamonds)*

3 The opening bid is 1♥. Is Responder's bid shown forcing? This means that the bid cannot be passed. Opener must bid again.

	Opener	Responder	
a)	1♥	3♥	<i>Not forcing (3♥ is a limit bid) Responder can pass</i>
b)	1♥	1♠	<i>Forcing-a new suit shows 6-28 HCP. An UNLIMITED hand. Opener must rebid</i>
c)	1♥	2NT	<i>Not forcing (2NT is a limit bid)</i>
d)	1♥	2♦	<i>Forcing - a new suit at the 2 level shows 10+ HCP (or meets the rule of 14) and maybe as many as 28HCP! An UNLIMITED hand. Opener must rebid</i>

4 Your partner opens 1♥. What do you respond with the following hands?

a) ♠ A J 9 7 6
♥ 8 4
♦ 2
♣ A J 8 4 3

1♠
Higher 5-card suit

b) ♠ Q 9 8
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ K T 2

2♦
9 HCP but meets Rule of 14 (HCP + no. of cards in longest suit)

c) ♠ A K 6
♥ 8 7
♦ A K 7 8
♣ A 9 6 4

2♣
*10+ HCP
Lower of 2 x 4 card minor suits.*

d) ♠ Q 6 5
♥ 8
♦ K Q 8 7 5 4
♣ T 4 3

*1 NT 6 – 9 HCP
not strong enough to bid at the 2 level even with Rule of 14*

e) ♠ J 9 7 6
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 2
♣ A J 8 4 3

1♠
6+ HCP and 4 Spades

f) ♠ Q 9
♥ 9
♦ K J 5 4 3
♣ A Q 7 6 5

2♦
*10+ HCP.
Bid higher of TWO 5 card suits*

g) ♠ T 9
♥ -
♦ A Q T 7 5 3 2
♣ J 9 6 4

2♦
Using rule of 14 can bid at the 2 level

h) ♠ J 9 7
♥ 8 4 3
♦ A K
♣ A J 8 7 2

2♣
Bid your longer suit first

5 What does Responder know about Opener's hand after these bidding sequences?

	Opener	Responder
a)	1♥ 1NT	1♠

Opener has 15 – 17 HCP and a balanced hand. He has not supported your Spades so does not have 4 Spades. This bid is not forcing – responder can pass.

- b) 1♥ 1♠
 2NT

Opener has 18 – 19 HCP and a balanced hand. He does not have 4 Spades otherwise he would have supported your suit. This bid is forcing – Responder should bid.

- c) 1♥ 2♣
 2NT

*Opener has a balanced hand. The 1 NT bid was unavailable to him because responder bid at the 2 level, therefore this bid has the point range 15 – 19 HCP. **This bid is forcing.** Responder must have 10+ HCP (or meet the Rule of 14) to have bid at the 2 level and partner has 15+ so there must be enough strength for a game somewhere.*

- 6 a) What do you open with this dreaded 4,4,4,1 hand?

- b) What is your planned rebid?

♠	A K 4 3
♥	7
♦	J T 7 6
♣	A Q T 6
14 HCP	

Always open with a minor (with both minors as in this case bid diamonds) planning to rebid the lower minor unless responder bids 1♥, then opener can rebid 1♠ (This promises 5 cards in your first bid suit and 4 cards in your second – always try to ‘lie’ in a minor!)

- 7 A bid of 2♥ over an opening bid of 1♠ can **only** be done with 5 + cards in hearts. Can you think why?

A 2♥ bid by responder after a 1 of a suit opening bid takes up so much bidding space, hence the need for a 5+ card heart suit

- 8 What is the difference between and **Limit Bid** and **Unlimited Bid**?

*A limit bid is one where the strength and shape of Responder's hand is described in a narrow range by a single bid. Once Responder has made a limit bid your partner, Opener, knows a great deal about your hand, so Opener is now **in charge**.*

Opener can also make a limit bid or rebid.