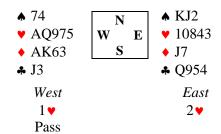


Responding to an Opening Bid of One of a Suit

When partner opens $1 \clubsuit$, $1 \spadesuit$, $1 \heartsuit$ or $1 \spadesuit$:

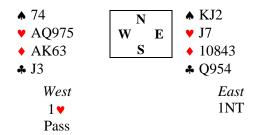
Pass with 0-5 points Bid with 6 points or more.

Weak responses



West opens 1 . East makes the <u>weak response</u> of 2 This bid shows 6-9 points, ie, 6, 7, 8 or 9 points. It also shows 4+ heart cards - <u>support</u> for partner's suit The bid of 2 v is raising partner's suit - a single raise.

West knows partner has a maximum of 9 points, and he has only 14, so game is not possible. He passes.



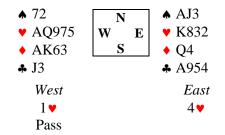
West, with the same cards, opens 1 ♥ again
East cannot support partner with just 2 hearts,
does not have 4 spades - so he bids 1NT.
The 1NT response is also weak with 6-9 points
Again, West knows his side does not have enough
for game and passes

With 6-9 points make a weak response to an opening bid of one of a suit.

2 of the same suit with trump support (at least 4 cards)

1NT with no trump support

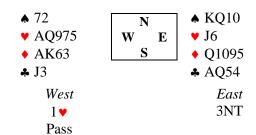
Game responses



West opens 1♥.

East has 4-card support, so EW have at least 8 hearts East has 14 points, so EW have at least 26 points 26 points are enough for game, so East bids game.

The 4♥ bid is raising partner's suit - a raise to game.



With the same hand West opens 1 ♥ again
East cannot support partner with just 2 hearts
He knows the partnership has at least 26 points
He has a balanced hand, so he bids 3NT

The **3NT response** shows 13-15 points in a balanced hand.

When partner bids game West passes unless he has a *very* strong hand, when slam may be possible

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