



## Lesson 41 Examples

### Opener's Rebid after a Limited Response

♠KQ972 ♥3 ♦AJ105 ♣K86	N W E S	♠J63 ♥9875 ♦74 ♣AJ52
West		East
1♠		1NT
2♦		2♠

Over 1♠ East bids 1NT, 6-9HCP. West's singleton heart suggests **not** playing in NT so he bids his second suit, promising 4 diamonds and at least 5 spades. Knowing of an 8-card fit East bids 2♠.

♠K87 ♥AQ92 ♦KJ1054 ♣5	N W E S	♠653 ♥J84 ♦Q72 ♣KQ84
West		East
1♦		1NT
Pass		

West's second suit is **higher-ranking** than his first suit, and East has **denied** 4 hearts by bidding 1NT. With a minimum and no better spot West passes 1NT.

♠7 ♥AQ864 ♦AKJ3 ♣KQ5	N W E S	♠AQ42 ♥KJ2 ♦Q65 ♣J1032
West		East
1♥		1NT
3♦		4♥

West is strong with a lower-ranking second suit. He makes a **jump rebid** promising at least 5 hearts. With most of his high cards in partner's suits East happily bids game.

### Opener's rebid after an Unlimited Response

♠AJ72 ♥A8643 ♦9 ♣K103	N W E S	♠K1053 ♥J5 ♦AKJ2 ♣J72
West		East
1♥		1♠
2♠		4♠

East's change of suit is **forcing**. With 4-card support and a **minimum** West makes a single raise. East has enough for game.

♠KQJ42 ♥KQ85 ♦A6 ♣72	N W E S	♠A85 ♥J3 ♦KJ942 ♣A96
West		East
1♠		2♦
2♥		4♠

West rebids 2♥, promising 5+spades and 4+hearts. East has the values to to bid game and knows of an 8-card spade fit.

♠72 ♥KQ1096 ♦A5 ♣AJ72	N W E S	♠QJ64 ♥J85 ♦Q42 ♣1063
West		East
1♥		1♠
2♣		2♥

When West bids a second suit, he promises 5 hearts. With a **minimum** East returns to the first suit at a minimum level.

♠AJ2 ♥KQ864 ♦Q9 ♣K103	N W E S	♠K53 ♥J5 ♦AKJ62 ♣J97
West		East
1♥		2♦
2NT		3NT

East's 2over1 reply shows 10-27 HCP. With a balanced 15HCP West rebids 2NT, **forcing**. East is also balanced so raises to 3NT. Even 19HCP will not be enough for slam.

♠AQJ764 ♥Q5 ♦Q96 ♣K7	N W E S	♠K102 ♥93 ♦KJ4 ♣AQJ93
West		East
1♠		2♣
2♠		4♠

West rebids 2♠ to show a **minimum** opener, typically with 6+spades and no second suit. (With 15-18HCP he would jump to 3♠.) East knows of a 9-card trump fit and has enough for game.

♠96 ♥AQJ96 ♦K5 ♣AJ72	N W E S	♠KJ82 ♥K5 ♦8642 ♣1054
West		East
1♥		1♠
2♣		2♥

West bids a second suit. He has not bid NT, so must have 5+ hearts. East **gives preference** to the first suit. The minimum bid shows a minimum response, so West passes.



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### Reverse Bids

Here are two possible East hands to go with this West hand

♠K1063	N	
♥J5	W	E
♦K83		S
♣10764		

A	♠8
	♥Q1084
	♦AQJ107
	♣A52

B	♠8
	♥AK84
	♦AQJ107
	♣A52

West East

- 1♦

1♠ ???

West may have just 6 points for his 1over1 response.

When East has a minimum opening like A it is important not to get too high

What happens if he bids his second suit, 2♥?

West knows of 8 diamonds between the hands, only 6 hearts.

He wants to play in diamonds – but that means bidding 3♦.

The 2♥ rebid has forced the partnership to the 3-level – and that is too high

The conclusion? ***East should not bid 2♥ unless he is happy to play in 3♦ when partner is weak***

Sometimes opener cannot bid his second suit in case it takes the level too high.

After 1♦-1♠ he must rebid 2♦ with a minimum hand like A, NOT 2♥

When East has hand B the situation is quite different.

This time his opening bid has extra values – he can afford to go to the 3-level opposite a minimum West hand.

He bids 2♥ to describe his shape ***because he can afford to reach the 3-level.***

### Examples of Reverse (or Barrier) Bids

♠AQ72	N	
♥6	W	E
♦KQ954		S
♣AJ3		
West		East
1♦		1♥
1♠		

Over 1♥ West bids his second suit, spades.

This ***is not*** a reverse – spades is a **higher-ranking suit** but West can bid it *at the 1-level*. East can **give preference** to 2♦. A 1♠ rebid does not promise any extra values.

♠J8	N	
♥64	W	E
♦AKJ7		S
♣AKQ93		
West		East
1♣		1♠
2♦		

West bids 2♦, his second suit, over East's 1♠.

This ***is*** a reverse: East has already bypassed diamonds, the bid is a higher-ranking suit at the 2-level. East must bid 3♣ to **give preference** to the first suit.

♠3	N	♠KJ654
♥Q1072	W	♥KJ93
♦KQ5	E	♦AJ8
♣AJ964	S	♣8
West		East
1♣		1♠
2♣		2♥
3♥		4♥

Over 1♣ East bypasses hearts to bid spades.

2♥ from West would be a reverse, **a higher-ranking suit at the 2-level**. He is not strong enough to reverse, so he rebids 2♣. (This is one of the rare occasions when opener rebids a 5-card suit)

East knows of a minimum opener but can bid 2♥

(forcing for one round). When West raises hearts he

Must have 4-card support in a hand not strong

Enough for a reverse.

♠7	N	♠KJ954
♥AKJ3	W	♥86
♦Q84	E	♦1032
♣AK1095	S	♣Q74
West		East
1♣		1♠
2♥		3♣
Pass		

West bids 2♥, a reverse.

East knows West has 5+clubs and shorter hearts

He gives preference to clubs as cheaply as possible.

This shows a minimum 1over1 response, so West knows there are not enough points for game, and passes 3♣.