



Lesson 57 Examples

Imperfect 1NT responses:

♠4		N
♥Q10543		W E
♦K65		S
♣Q765		
West	East	
-	1♠	
1NT		

♠2		N
♥K73		W E
♦J43		S
♣Q109732		
West	East	
-	1♠	
1NT		

♠62		N
♥-		W E
♦KQJ9876		S
♣J752		
West	East	
-	1♠	
2♦		

Over 1♥/1♠ West may have to bid 1NT **with an unbalanced hand** if he is not strong enough for a 2-over-1

Not nearly strong enough for 2♥.
Hope that partner will rebid a new suit – if it is hearts you can raise.

2♣ promises at least 10HCP.
Perhaps partner will Pass 1NT
Otherwise pass whatever he bids.
(Over 2NT you can bid 3♣ to play)

Here 1NT is just too grotesque!
Bid 2♦, planning to bid 3♦ next
This sequence shows a long good suit you have stretched to bid.

The 1NT response to one of a minor

♠KJ5		N
♥Q82		W E
♦5		S
♣Q97653		
West	East	
-	1♦	
1NT		

♠Q98		N
♥K73		W E
♦J843		S
♣Q109		
West	East	
-	1♣	
1NT		

♠A52		N
♥94		W E
♦K876		S
♣J752		
West	East	
-	1♣	
2♣		

Over 1♣/1♦ - 1NT **denies a 4-card major** and is usually fairly balanced.

Over 1♦ responder may have a long club suit not strong enough for a 2over1 response

Over 1♣ responder may have a 4-card minor with a 4-3-3-3 distribution.

This hand is more suitable for suit play, so it makes a limit raise

Try to avoid the 1NT response with a void, singleton, or small doubleton in an un-bid suit – though sometimes there is no reasonable alternative.

Imperfect responses – the lesser lie

♠KJ64		N
♥7		W E
♦43		S
♣QJ8765		
West	East	
-	1♦	
1♠		

♠2		N
♥Q107		W E
♦J43		S
♣QJ7653		
West	East	
-	1♠	
1NT		

♠A62		N
♥4		W E
♦QJ9864		S
♣982		
West	East	
-	1♠	
2♠		

None of these West hands is strong enough for a 2over1 response in the longest suit.

If you must lie - ***it is preferable to lie about your distribution rather than about your strength.***

Normally respond in the longest suit, but here you are not strong enough for a 2 over1, so bid the 4-card major. If partner raises spades - pass. If partner bids 1NT you can bid 2♣, weak, to play. If partner rebids 2♦ - pass. And if he reverses into 2♥ - bid 2NT

1NT may be best when your singleton is in partner's suit. If partner bids a second suit you can pass. If he rebids 2♠ you will have to pass but at least you know he has 6cards!

A heart lead against 1NT will be horrible. The best choice is 2♠ lying about your length Partner ***may*** have 5 spades, and even in a 4-3 fit he can surely make at least one ruff in your hand.



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Further Bidding After the 1NT Response

♠KQ965	N	♠J4
♥6	W E	♥Q107
♦AQ42	S	♦J103
♣Q74		♣KJ985
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♦	2♠	
Pass		

♠AK764	N	♠2
♥KQ107	W E	♥AJ63
♦3	S	♦J864
♣AJ3		♣K874
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♥	3♥	
4♥	Pass	

♠AK672	N	♠5
♥82	W E	♥KJ9753
♦KQ654	S	♦98
♣2		♣K865
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♦	2♥	
Pass		

When opener has an unbalanced hand he should remove 1NT to a second **lower-ranking** suit
This promises at least 5 cards in his first suit.

Here East gives **false preference** to the first suit – note that 2♠ does **not** promise 3-card support

With 4-card support for the second suit responder can raise: he is limited to a maximum of 9HCP, but his hand may be very good in context.

East says that he thinks the best contract is 2♥ even if partner has only one. West should not argue unless his distribution is extreme

♠KQ9653	N	♠J
♥4	W E	♥Q1087
♦K65	S	♦Q93
♣A76		♣QJ543
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♠	Pass	

If opener rebids his first suit he promises **at least** 6 cards - remember partner may have none!

♠AQJ9653	N	♠K4
♥7	W E	♥10543
♦KQ5	S	♦A1032
♣A7		♣985
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
3♠	4♠	

The jump rebid is not forcing, but promises a long suit. East can raise to game with a doubleton if he has a few quick tricks.

♠AQ64	N	♠J9
♥KQJ96	W E	♥A3
♦K64	S	♦Q975
♣5		♣Q9873
West	East	
1♥	1NT	
Pass		

East's 1NT response **denied** 4 spades so there is no point in introducing a higher-ranking suit. Partner has the minors.

Completing the Picture

♠KQ963	N	♠J82
♥A6	W E	♥K872
♦KQ65	S	♦J9
♣K6		♣Q985
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♦	2♠	
2NT	4♠	

After showing 5-4 in spades and diamonds opener bids 2NT to show a semi-balanced hand worth a game invitation. East can pass with a minimum, but here he goes on to the best game.

♠AKJ93	N	♠4
♥KQ6	W E	♥972
♦Q5	S	♦KJ10632
♣K74		♣Q85
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2NT	3♦	
Pass		

The raise to 2NT shows a balanced hand with 17-18 points. Over this 3 of a minor shows a weak hand with a long minor suit. Opener **may** bid on **with a fit for partner's suit** but normally he should pass

♠AQJ53	N	♠107
♥KQ64	W E	♥J53
♦KQ4	S	♦A76
♣5		♣KJ1092
West	East	
1♠	1NT	
2♥	2♠	
3♦	3NT	

This time West "patterns out" by bidding the 3-card diamond fragment as a game try. East has enough for 3NT even opposite a singleton club.