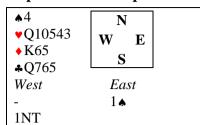


Lesson 57 Examples

Imperfect 1NT responses:



^ 2	N	
∨ K73	W E	
◆J43 ♣ Q109732	S	
W est	East	
-	1 A	
1NT		

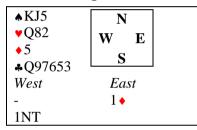
♦ 62	N
V -	$\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}$
◆KQJ9876	\mathbf{S}
♣ J752	
West	East
-	1 ♠
2 •	

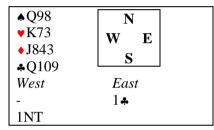
Over 1 \(\nstructure{1}\) \(\nstructure{A}\) West may have to bid 1NT \(\nstructure{with an unbalanced hand}\) if he is not strong enough for a 2-over-1

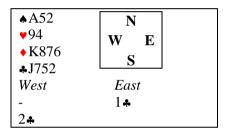
Not nearly strong enough for $2 \checkmark$. Hope that partner will rebid a new suit – if it is hearts you can raise. 2. promises at least 10HCP.
Perhaps partner will Pass 1NT
Otherwise pass whatever he bids.
(Over 2NT you can bid 3. to play)

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







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

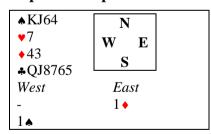
Over 1 • responder may have a long club suit not strong enough for a 2over1 response

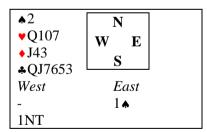
Over 1* responder may have a 4-card minor with a 4-3-3-3 distribution.

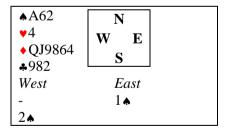
This hand is more suitable for suit play, so it makes a limit raise

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







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

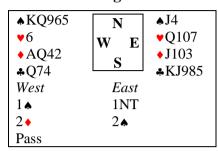
1NT may be best when your singleton is in partner's suit. If partner bids a second suit you can pass. If he rebids 2 \(\times \) you will have to pass but at least you know he has 6cards!

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



♠AK764	N	^ 2
♥ KQ107	W E	♥ AJ63
♦ 3	$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \cdot \\ \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix}$	◆J864
♣AJ3	B	. ⊀K874
West	East	
1 🖍	1NT	
2♥	3♥	
4♥	Pass	

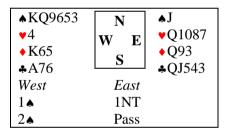
♠AK672	N	\$ 5
♥ 82	$\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}$	♥ KJ9753
◆KQ654	$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \cdot \\ \mathbf{S} \end{bmatrix}$	♦ 98
* 2	3	♣ K865
West	East	
1 🖍	1NT	ı
2 •	2♥	
Pass		

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.

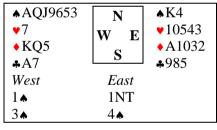
Here East gives *false preference* to the first suit – note that 2 does *not* promise 3-card support

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.

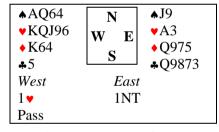
East says that he thinks the best contract is 2 veven if partner has only one. West should not argue unless his distribution is extreme



If opener rebids his first suit he promises <u>at least</u> 6 cards - remember partner may have none!



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.



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

Completing the Picture

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♦ KQ963	N	♦ J82
♥ A6	W E	♥ K872
♦KQ65	$\begin{bmatrix} \cdot \cdot \\ \mathbf{s} \end{bmatrix}$	♦ J 9
♣ K6	S	♣ 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 VKQ6 Q5 K74 West 1	•4 •972 •KJ10632 •Q85
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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	$\mathbf{W} \mathbf{E}$	♥ J53
♦KQ4	\mathbf{S}	◆A76
* 5	B	♣ KJ1092
West	East	
1 🛦	1NT	1
2♥	2♠	
3♦	3NT	1

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.