



Lesson 38 Examples

Opener's rebid when partner makes a weak response of 1NT to one of a suit

♠AQJ853	N	♠106
♥3	W E	♥Q42
♦A72	S	♦QJ74
♣QJ10		♣K743
West		East
1♠		1NT
2♠		Pass

Since partner may be very short in spades West need **6+cards** to rebid 2♠. With 5-3-3-2 just pass.

♠8	N	♠K54
♥KQ3	W E	♥764
♦KQJ84	S	♦952
♣A975		♣KQ62
West		East
1♦		1NT
2♣		Pass

East has **denied** a biddable major West bids his second, lower-ranking Suit. This means he has 5+cards in his first suit, and East can **give preference** to 2♦ without 4 clubs

♠KQ7	N	♠A82
♥AQJ5	W E	♥86
♦1054	S	♦Q963
♣KQJ		♣9542
West		East
1♥		1NT
2NT		Pass

With 18HCP in a balanced hand West **invites** game in NT East is minimum, and passes

♠KJ86	N	♠Q72
♥AQ763	W E	♥J4
♦K7	S	♦Q104
♣Q8		♣K9743
West		East
1♥		1NT
Pass		

East has **denied** 4 spades, so there is no point in bidding your second suit. Just pass.

♠AJ1096	N	♠K5
♥AQJ83	W E	♥9764
♦-	S	♦Q1054
♣AQ4		♣J62
West		East
1♠		1NT
3♥		4♥
Pass		

With a very strong opening bid West can jump in a new suit. With **4-card support** East raises to game.

♠AK962	N	♠85
♥AJ73	W E	♥K1062
♦KQ4	S	♦A832
♣8		♣Q73
West		East
1♠		1NT
2♥		3♥
4♥		Pass

West is unbalanced, and rebids a **lower-ranking 4-card suit**. East has 4-card support, and is worth a raise (his hand is **limited** by the initial 1NT response – he cannot have more than 9HCP). West, with extra values, bids on to 4♥.



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2NT as a limit response to one of a suit:

1) ♠Q954
♥J73
♦Q1062
♣AQ

2) ♠J76
♥K1085
♦A2
♣K943

3) ♠92
♥KQ10
♦QJ86
♣K754

If partner opens 1♥ bid 1♠ *not* 2NT in case partner has 4 spades too.

When partner opens 1♠ respond 2♣, in case partner has 5 spades and 4 hearts. (NB: to respond 2♥ over 1♠ we must have 5 hearts.)

Partner opens 1♠. An 8-card fit in a major is unlikely, so we bid 2NT.

4) ♠54
♥KQ83
♦AJ2
♣10976

5) ♠KJ4
♥72
♦Q1065
♣A1093

6) ♠32
♥AQ74
♦A1095
♣J106

Partner opens 1♥. We bid 3♥ with 4-card support

Partner opens 1♥. This is a standard 2NT response, *denying 4 spades*

Partner opens 1♥. This is worth 4♥ because of the distribution point for the doubleton spade

7) ♠KQ54
♥A6
♦10972
♣Q83

8) ♠Q108
♥K94
♦J1075
♣KQ2

9) ♠KJ7
♥KQ1093
♦Q6
♣974

If partner opens 1NT we bid 2♣, Stayman, in case partner has 4 spades too.

This time we respond 2NT, balanced *with no 4-card major*

There may be an 8-card fit in hearts if partner has three, so we bid 2♦, transfer, then 2NT over partner's 2♥ response.



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Limit Responses to 1♣ or 1♦

♠J8 ♥KQ72 ♦K10972 ♣A3	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠954 ♥A1063 ♦AQJ8 ♣72
West		East
1♦		1♥
2♥		4♥

If East makes a **limit raise** to 3♦ the heart fit will be lost. When West raises hearts East adds a distribution point for the doubleton club

♠A1072 ♥KJ5 ♦4 ♣KQ986	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠QJ93 ♥8 ♦K1062 ♣A754
West		East
1♣		1♦
1♠		4♠

Just in case there is a better fit East bids his suits upwards. This gives West the chance to bid his 4-card spade suit and the major suit game is reached.

♠KQ65 ♥Q5 ♦KQ762 ♣J93	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠94 ♥76 ♦A10953 ♣AQ82
West		East
1♦		3♦
Pass		

This is a standard **limit raise** with little chance of missing a major suit fit.

♠6 ♥KJ32 ♦107 ♣AKJ854	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠Q54 ♥A106 ♦AJ84 ♣972
West		East
1♣		2NT
3♣		Pass

West has a minimum opening bid, but his hand is **unbalanced**, unsuitable for play in NT. Partner has **denied** a 4-card major so there is no point in bidding hearts

♠A1072 ♥K5 ♦A4 ♣KQ986	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠Q93 ♥Q108 ♦K1032 ♣A74
West		East
1♣		2NT
3NT		Pass

West knows there cannot be an 8-card spade fit, so just raises to the obvious game – 3NT.

♠AJ3 ♥KQ75 ♦7 ♣KQ983	<div> <div>N</div> <div>W E</div> <div>S</div> </div>	♠KQ75 ♥J1086 ♦953 ♣A2
West		East
1♣		1♥
3♥		4♥

When East bids your second suit you raise to two with a minimum opener, jump to three with extra values. Raising partner is always a **limit bid**