



Lesson 42 Examples

Responder's Rebid

♠A85	N	♠J2
♥74	W E	♥AKJ1095
♦J962	S	♦A83
♣Q1043		♣K6
West		East
-		1♥
1NT		3♥
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♠96	N	
♥A73	W E	
♦KQ964	S	
♣J102		
West		East
-		1♠
2♦		2NT
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What now? What do we know? East has 6+hearts in a strong hand. (With 12-14HCP he rebids just 2♥). He is not superstrong (no 2♥ opener), so we expect 16-19HCP. How good is our hand in the light of our previous bidding? Only 7HCP and poor heart support. **Pass** the *game invitation*.

East has shown a **balanced hand** with 15-19 points. (With fewer he opens 1NT, with more – 2NT) Our 2over1 showed 10+HCP, we have at least 25 HCP between us, so the 2NT rebid is **forcing to game**. With 3-card spade support we might bid 3♠, offering partner a choice of games. As it is - just raise to 3NT

♠A10974	N	
♥K1065	W E	
♦10	S	
♣832		
West		East
-		1♦
1♠		2♦
??		

♠K1042	N	
♥AQ876	W E	
♦1093	S	
♣5		
West		East
-		1♦
1♥		1♠
??		

East shows a **minimum opener** with 5+diamonds. He does not have 4-cards in a black suit – he would raise spades or bid 2♣. If he has 4 hearts he is not strong enough to reverse so he has only 13-14 HCP. It is too risky to bid 2♥ with such a weak hand – we will get too high. Pass and hope for the best.

When partner shows that his second suit is spades we know which denomination to play in. But how high? We have 9HCP plus 2 distribution points for the singleton. Game is possible but not certain. Invite with 3♠, just as you would if partner had opened 1♠. The raise to 3♠ is a **limit bid**.

♠AJ943	N	
♥KJ6	W E	
♦1075	S	
♣52		
West		East
-		1♣
1♠		1NT
??		

♠K2	N	
♥Q104	W E	
♦854	S	
♣A10963		
West		East
-		1♥
1NT		2♥
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East shows a balanced hand with 15-17 HCP. You may or may not have not enough for game, so you *invite* with 2NT, **a limit bid**, just as you would over a 1NT opening.

East has made **a weak rebid**, showing 6+ hearts (he would pass 1NT with only 5). You have 3 hearts and 9HCP, plus a distribution point for the doubleton spade. Game is possible, *invite* with 3♥.



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♠K10932	N	
♥QJ53	W	E
♦A98		S
♣2		
West		East
-		1♦
1♠		2♥
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Partner's rebid is a **reverse**, showing 16+HCP. With 4 hearts we know of an 8-card fit and we have enough HCP for game. So we raise to 4♥.

♠A109752	N	
♥K75	W	E
♦832		S
♣7		
West		East
-		1♣
1♠		2♥
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Another **reverse**. We cannot raise hearts with only 3, and we do not like partner's first suit at all. But we have a good suit of our own, so we can rebid 2♠. (With a stronger hand we might jump to 3♠.)

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♠J6	N	
♥KJ10742	W	E
♦843		S
♣Q5		
West		East
-		1♣
1♥		1♠
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Partner has shown **4 spades** and **longer** clubs. You cannot play in a probable 4-2 fit, and from your hand there is no prospect of game. Bid 2♥. A **minimum rebid** in your own suit is a **weak bid**, suggesting that there is nowhere better to play. Partner will bid again only if he is very strong.

♠105	N	
♥K10953	W	E
♦KJ73		S
♣62		
West		East
-		1♣
1♥		1♠
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Again, partner has shown two suits you do not have any support for. It would be unwise to rebid a 5-card suit in case partner has no hearts, or only one. There is little point in bidding diamonds— partner has already shown 9 cards in the black suits, so he is unlikely to have 4 diamonds as well. Bid **1NT** to show that you have diamond stoppers.



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♠K9432	N	
♥K32	W	E
♦853		S
♣J5		
West		East
-		1♥
1♠		2♦
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Partner has 5+hearts and 4+ diamonds.
The **change of suit** is not necessarily a weak bid, but you have a minimum response and no reason to expect game. With 3 hearts you know of an 8-card fit, so you bid 2♥. This is known as **giving preference** to partner's first suit.

♠K9432	N	
♥K2	W	E
♦1073		S
♣J62		
West		East
-		1♥
1♠		2♦
??		

This time you have no obvious fit. You have a weak hand and no reason to think game is possible. You appear to have 7 cards between the hands in both red suits, so pass is an option. But 2♥ is a better bid: partner might have 6 hearts, or 3 spades. Bid 2♥, giving **false preference**. This is a weak bid, partner can pass, but you give him another chance to bid just in case there is a better spot.

♠Q1092	N	
♥K2	W	E
♦1032		S
♣K632		
West		East
-		1♦
1♠		2♥
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Over partner's **reverse** you must **give preference** at the 3-level but that is all right: partner knew this might happen, and he has at least 16 points. You have a minimum hand, but can happily bid 3♦ with 3 card support

♠K9432	N	
♥K2	W	E
♦1073		S
♣J62		
West		East
-		1♥
1♠		3♦
??		

This time partner has shown a very strong opener, and you have to bid again. You do not especially wish to rebid this spade suit. You cannot bid 3NT with no club stopper, and there is no known 8-card fit. Once again you give **false preference** with 3♥. This allows partner to bid again if he has 3-card spade support, or wishes to try 3NT.