



Lesson 41 Examples

Opener's Rebid after a Limited Response

♠KQ972 ♥3 ♦AJ105 ♣K86 West 1♠ 2♦	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠J63 ♥9875 ♦74 ♣AJ52 East 1NT 2♠
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♦ Pass	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠653 ♥J84 ♦Q72 ♣KQ84 East 1NT
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♥ 3♦	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠Q42 ♥KJ2 ♦Q65 ♣J1032 East 1NT 4♥
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♥ 2♠	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠K1053 ♥J5 ♦AKJ2 ♣J72 East 1♠ 4♠
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♠ 2♥	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠A85 ♥J3 ♦KJ942 ♣A96 East 2♦ 4♠
N	E					
W	S					

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

♠72 ♥KQ1096 ♦A5 ♣AJ72 West 1♥ 2♣	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠QJ64 ♥J85 ♦Q42 ♣1063 East 1♠ 2♥
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♥ 2NT	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠K53 ♥J5 ♦AKJ62 ♣J97 East 2♦ 3NT
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♠ 2♠	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠K102 ♥93 ♦KJ4 ♣AQJ93 East 2♣ 4♠
N	E					
W	S					

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 West 1♥ 2♣	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr><td>W</td><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	E	W	S	♠KJ82 ♥K5 ♦8642 ♣1054 East 1♠ 2♥
N	E					
W	S					

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	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S
N				
W E				
S				
♥J5				
♦K83				
♣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	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S
N				
W E				
S				
♥6				
♦KQ954				
♣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	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S
N				
W E				
S				
♥64				
♦AKJ7				
♣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	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠KJ654
N					
W E					
S					
♥Q1072	♥KJ93				
♦KQ5	♦AJ8				
♣AJ964	♣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	<table border="1"> <tr><td>N</td></tr> <tr><td>W E</td></tr> <tr><td>S</td></tr> </table>	N	W E	S	♠KJ954
N					
W E					
S					
♥AKJ3	♥86				
♦Q84	♦1032				
♣AK1095	♣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♣.