



Lesson 31 Examples

Examples of Responder's limit raise

♠AQ943 ♥3 ♦AKJ4 ♣KQ6	N W E S	♠KJ52 ♥Q10752 ♦73 ♣J2
West		East
1♠		2♠
4♠		Pass

East makes a **weak raise**
With 19HCP West bids game

♠AQ52 ♥KQ943 ♦A7 ♣Q8	N W E S	♠K9 ♥A1052 ♦9853 ♣J65
West		East
1♥		2♥
2♠		4♥

With 15-17 HCP West bids a second suit as a **game try**. With a minimum (6HCP) East **signs off** in 3♥. With a maximum (9HCP) he bids 4♥. With the middle range (7-8HCP) he examines his holding in the second suit. Kx is ideal, but with xxx, the worst possible holding, he should Pass.

♠J743 ♥AQ532 ♦4 ♣KQ3	N W E S	♠A9 ♥9864 ♦KQ62 ♣J86
West		East
1♥		3♥
Pass		

West passes the **invitational raise** with his minimum.

Responding with One of a Major

♠Q1043 ♥3 ♦AKJ43 ♣KQ6	N W E S	♠KJ52 ♥Q1052 ♦Q5 ♣A92
West		East
1♦		1♥
1♠		4♠

East bids 4-card majors **upwards**
When West shows his second suit he is worth a raise to game

♠AJ52 ♥K3 ♦A9854 ♣108	N W E S	♠K9 ♥A1052 ♦QJ73 ♣J65
West		East
1♦		1♥
1♠		3♦
Pass		

East bids his 4-card major, but when West cannot raise he shows his **limit raise** of partner's minor. West passes with his minimum opener.

♠K43 ♥A32 ♦AQ84 ♣K32	N W E S	♠A962 ♥J984 ♦62 ♣Q86
West		East
1♦		1♥
1NT		Pass

West's 1NT rebid shows 15-17 HCP and **denies** 4 cards in either major - he would raise or bid 1♠. So East passes.



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Responding 1NT

♠AQ854 ♥KJ7 ♦K7 ♣Q103	N W E S	♠9 ♥Q53 ♦Q9865 ♣K984
West		East
1♠		1NT
Pass		

East is not strong enough for a **2-over-1 response**, and the only bid left at the 1-level is 1NT.

♠3 ♥AQ9542 ♦Q83 ♣A53	N W E S	♠Q74 ♥J3 ♦J1042 ♣K964
West		East
1♥		1NT
2♥		Pass

East cannot have 4 spades, so West knows there are spades to lose in 1NT. He rebids his 6-card suit to improve the partscore. 2♥ here **promises 6+cards**, do not rebid a 5-card suit over a 1NT response.

♠AJ52 ♥K3 ♦AQ542 ♣K8	N W E S	♠Q73 ♥A52 ♦83 ♣QJ953
West		East
1♦		1NT
2NT		3NT

East's 1NT **denies** a 4-card major so West knows there is no point in bidding spades. He **invites game** in NT with 17-18 HCP.

Opener rebids in NT

♠AQ4 ♥KJ7 ♦K107 ♣K1073	N W E S	♠962 ♥Q8653 ♦Q5 ♣AQ4
West		East
1♣		1♥
1NT		3NT

The **1NT rebid** shows 15-17HCP. East has 10HCP in a balanced hand so he simply raises to game.

♠K97 ♥AQ42 ♦AQ3 ♣A53	N W E S	♠QJ86 ♥J7 ♦K742 ♣764
West		East
1♥		1♠
2NT		3NT

The **jump to 2NT** shows 18-19HCP. East cannot pass and has no reason to look for any other game than 3NT.

♠AJ2 ♥K73 ♦A542 ♣K86	N W E S	♠Q73 ♥Q52 ♦83 ♣AQJ53
West		East
1♦		2♣
2NT		3NT

After a **2-over-1 response** 2NT is 15-19HCP, forcing to game. (East has shown 10+HCP)

♠K7 ♥AQ7 ♦KJ1073 ♣K103	N W E S	♠92 ♥KJ6543 ♦Q54 ♣94
West		East
1♦		1♥
1NT		2♥

East knows there is not enough for game and chooses to play the part-score in his 6-card suit.

♠K97 ♥AQ42 ♦AQ3 ♣A53	N W E S	♠AQJ86 ♥KJ5 ♦2 ♣10764
West		East
1♥		1♠
2NT		3♥
3♠		4♠

The jump to 2NT is **game-forcing** so East can investigate alternative games. Each partner shows **3 cards** in the other's suit – with 4 they would raise partner earlier.

♠AKJ2 ♥K73 ♦A542 ♣92	N W E S	♠97 ♥A964 ♦K7 ♣KQ853
West		East
1♠		2♣
2NT		3♥
3NT		

East bids 3♥ in case his side has missed a 4-4 heart fit. But there is **no major suit fit** and West rebids 3NT.



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Opener bids a new suit

♠ KJ964 ♥ KQ53 ♦ A72 ♣ 10	N W E S	♠ Q53 ♥ A4 ♦ 1093 ♣ KQ865
West		East
1 ♠		2 ♣
2 ♥		2 ♠

West's 2♥ rebid shows **5+spades** and 4 hearts (*with 4-4 open 1♥*). East **corrects** to the known 8-card fit.

♠ A1075 ♥ 3 ♦ AQJ84 ♣ Q92	N W E S	♠ KQ98 ♥ AK764 ♦ 1062 ♣ K
West		East
1 ♦		1 ♥
1 ♠		4 ♠

East responds in his longest suit, and West shows his 5+4+ distribution. East needs **4-card support** to raise the second suit to game.

♠ KJ983 ♥ AJ52 ♦ 1054 ♣ A	N W E S	♠ AQ7 ♥ 984 ♦ AQ632 ♣ J8
West		East
1 ♠		2 ♦
2 ♥		4 ♠

East has enough for game and, knowing partner has 5+spades, jumps to the **known 8-card fit**.

Opener rebids his suit

♠ AKJ854 ♥ 7 ♦ QJ3 ♣ K62	N W E S	♠ Q73 ♥ Q42 ♦ K965 ♣ J108
West		East
1 ♠		1NT
2 ♠		Pass

West shows 6+spades: he would bid a second suit with 4+cards, pass or raise NT with 5-3-3-2.

♠ A93 ♥ AKJ642 ♦ A105 ♣ 7	N W E S	♠ K8654 ♥ 107 ♦ K98 ♣ 1032
West		East
1 ♥		1 ♠
3 ♥		Pass

The **jump rebid** *always has 6+cards*. With 15+ and 5-3-3-2 bid 1NT. With 5-4 bid your second suit

♠ 105 ♥ K2 ♦ AKJ853 ♣ AQ8	N W E S	♠ AJ2 ♥ Q104 ♦ Q7 ♣ J9543
West		East
1 ♦		2 ♣
3 ♦		3NT

After a 2-over-1 the **jump rebid**, with 15+HCP, is **forcing to game**.