

Exercise 6.1 Opener's **Second Bid**

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in each case:

- Count West's HCP
- What is East's point range?
- What West's next bid would be?

	West	HCP		West	East
1	♠AK32 ♥Q2 ♦Q10973 ♣J5		(a)	1♦ ?	1♥
			(b)	1♦ ?	1♠
2	♠AKQ2 ♥Q2 ♦KQ976 ♣K5		(a)	1♦ ?	1♥
			(b)	1♦ ?	1♠
3	♠Q2 ♥A832 ♦KQ976 ♣K5		(a)	1♦ ?	1♠
			(b)	1♦ ?	1♥

	West	HCP		West	East
4	♠QJ52 ♥AK732 ♦K2 ♣J5		(a)	1♥ ?	1NT
			(b)	1♥ ?	2♣
5	♠KQ52 ♥AK732 ♦K2 ♣J5		(a)	1♥ ?	1NT
			(b)	1♥ ?	2♦

Exercise 6.1 Opener's **Second Bid ANSWERS**

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in each case count:

- Count West's HCP
- What is East's point range?
- What West's next bid would be?

	West	HCP		West	East
1	♠AK32 ♥Q2 ♦Q10973 ♣J5	12	(a)	1♦ 1♠	1♥ 6+
			(b)	1♦ 2♠	1♠ 6+
2	♠AKQ2 ♥Q2 ♦KQ976 ♣K5	19	(a)	1♦ STOP 2♠	1♥ 6+
			(b)	1♦ STOP 4♠	1♠ 6+
3	♠Q2 ♥A832 ♦KQ976 ♣K5	14	(a)	1♦ 2♦	1♠ 6+
			(b)	1♦ 2♥	1♥ 6+

- 1a) Opener weak, 12-15, but can show a second suit - below 2♦ barrier
1b) Opener weak, but can raise responder's suit to the 2-level showing 12-15
2a) Opener is strong, so makes a jump raise of the second suit above the 2♦ barrier showing 16-19
2b) Opener can support responder's suit and as responder has at least 6 points opposite opener's 19, opener knows of the 25+ 8+ fit and jumps to game

	West	HCP		West	East
4	♠QJ52 ♥AK732 ♦K2 ♣J5	14	(a)	1♥ PASS or 2♥	1NT 6-9
			(b)	1♥ 2♥	2♣ 10+
5	♠KQ52 ♥AK732 ♦K2 ♣J5	16	(a)	1♥ PASS	1NT 6-9
			(b)	1♥ 2♠	2♦ 10+ Must not pass

- 3a) Opener weak, 12-15, so must stay below the 2♦ barrier and with no lower ranking 4-card has to re-bid his 5-card suit
3b) Opener weak, 12-15, but can support partner's suit at the 2-level
4a) Opener weak, 12-15. Responder bids 1NT limit bid (non-forcing) showing 6-9. Opener knows there are not enough points for game and may choose to Pass or re-bid the 5-card suit
4b) Opener weak 12-15, Responder 10+. Opener rebids his 5-card suit to keep the bidding open in case responder has more to say
5a) Opener is strong 16-19 but responder's 6-9 1NT limit bid is not forcing and Opener
5b) Opener is strong 16-19 so can bid his second suit bidding 2♠ above the 2♥ barrier and as responder's 2-level bid shows 10+ both partners know game is on