



Replying to Partner's Opening

Your partner opened 1♥, what is your reply?

Hand 1

♠ J 7 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 8 7 4
♣ K 6 5

Hand has four hearts, so there is an eight-card, or more, fit.

7HCPs, so raise to 2♥ showing 6-9 HCPs and four hearts.

Your partner opened 1♥, what is your reply?

Hand 2

♠ A J 8 7 4
♥ J 8 6
♦ A J 9
♣ J 3

Hand does not have four hearts, so can't raise hearts.

Longest suit is spades (5) and 12 HCPs, so change suit to 1♠ showing 6 or more HCPs and four or more spades. Forcing for one round. Partner must bid again



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Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

Hand 3

♠ Q J 10

♥ 6 4 3

♦ A J 9 2

♣ J 3 2

Hand does not have four hearts,
so can't raise hearts.

Hand does not have four spades,
so can't bid spades. Hand has
nine scattered HCPs so cannot
bid 2♦, (showing 10+HCPs). So,
it's 1NT.

Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

Hand 4

♠ K J 8

♥ J 2

♦ 8 2

♣ Q 10 7 5 3 2

Hand does not have four
hearts, so can't raise hearts.

Hand does not have four
spades, so can't bid spades.
Hand has 7 HCPs so cannot
bid 2♣, (showing 10+HCPs).
So, it's 1NT. 1NT in response
to 1 of a suit does not
promise balance.



Hand 5

Less than 6 HCPs so

Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

♠ Q 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 4 3
♦ Q 7 2
♣ 8 4

PASS

Hand 6

Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

♠ K
♥ 10 3 2
♦ K J 10 5
♣ K 6 5 3 2

Hand does not have four hearts,
so can't raise hearts.

Hand does not have four
spades, so can't bid spades.
Hand has 10 HCPs so bid 2♣.
Clubs is the longer suit.



Hand 7

Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

♠ Q J 9 8
♥ Q 10 7
♦ 10 9
♣ 8 7 6 5

Less than 6 HCPs so

PASS

Hand 8

Your partner
opened 1♥,
what is your
reply?

♠ A J 4 3
♥ 10
♦ Q J 9 3 2
♣ K 4 3

Hand does not have four hearts,
so can't raise hearts.

Spades are four cards and
diamonds at five cards. 11 HCPs,
so there's a choice between
change suit to 1♠ showing 6 or
more HCPs and four or more
spades or 2♦. Give priority to the
four card spade suit: 1♠.