

Lesson 9

Responding to 1-level suit opening bid

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Objectives for Lesson 9

- Review homework
- Recap *1-level opening bids and responses*
- *Responding in a new suit*
- *Responding with a no trump bid*

Homework

Supporting partner's suit

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Any questions?

Recap – *One-level opening bids and limit bid raises*

In lesson 8 we learnt

- Open 1NT all 12-14 HCP balanced hands

- Strength needed to open one of a suit

Unbalanced 12-19 HCP

Balanced 15-19 HCP

- Opening unbalanced with *Rule of Twenty*

HCP plus cards in two longest suits

- Which suit to open:

Open longest suit at the one-level

With two long suits of equal length, open the higher ranking suit

- But with 4 hearts & 4 spade open 1♥

- Respond with a *fit* for partner's suit:

Support opener's major / minor fit with 4+ cards

0-5 pass

6-9 raise to two-level

10-12 raise to three-level

13+ raise to four-level

With a minor fit, possibly hunt for a major fit or end up in no trumps

Recap - Can you *open the bidding*?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
 <u>K Q 10 9 3</u>  A J 4  <u>J 10 8 7</u>  7 11 HCP unbalanced 5-4-3-1	 A Q  <u>10 9 5 4 3 2</u>  <u>K 9 5</u>  7 6 9 HCP unbalanced 6-3-2-2	 A 9  <u>Q J 10 9 8</u>  <u>A 9 7 6 3</u>  6 11 HCP unbalanced 5-5-2-1
Yes, <i>Rule of Twenty</i> : 11 HCP + 5 + 4 = 21	No 9 HCP + 6 + 3 = 19	Yes, <i>Rule of Twenty</i> : 11 HCP + 5 + 5 = 21

Recap - Partner opens 1♥ - what is your *response*?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
♠ K Q 4 ♥ J 8 6 4 ♦ A 7 ♣ K 10 7 3 13 HCP balanced 4-4-3-2	♠ 8 4 ♥ Q J 8 2 ♦ A J 6 5 3 ♣ K 6 11 HCP unbalanced 5-4-2-2	♠ 9 6 5 ♥ J 8 6 2 ♦ 9 6 4 3 2 ♣ K 4 HCP unbalanced 5-4-3-1
4-card major support 12+13 game points 4♥ response	4-card major support 10-12 HCP 3♥ response	4-card major support 0-5 HCP + 3 SP Pass

Responding in a new suit

Responding without a fit

Responding at the one-level in a new suit:

- *6+ HCP*
- *4+ card suit*
- *Less than 4-card support for partner's major*
- *Forcing For One Round - opener must rebid*

Can I *respond* 1♠ over a 1♦ opening bid?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
♠ J 10 6 5 3 ♥ K 8 7 ♦ 10 2 ♣ 8 7 4 <i>4 HCP unbalanced 5-3-3-2</i>	♠ K Q 8 7 ♥ J 9 ♦ A 10 7 ♣ 9 8 7 3 <i>10 HCP balanced 4-4-3-2</i>	♠ A 10 7 5 3 ♥ 7 3 ♦ 7 ♣ Q 9 7 5 2 <i>6 HCP unbalanced 5-5-2-1</i>
<i>5-card major suit</i> <i>0-5 HCP</i> No - Pass	<i>4-card major suit</i> 6+ HCP Yes - 1♠ response	<i>5-card major suit</i> 6+ HCP Yes - 1♠ response

Responding in a new suit

Responding without a fit

Responding at the two-level in a new suit:

- *10+ HCP*
- *Usually a 5-card suit*
- *Less than 4-card support for partner's major*
- *Forcing For One Round - opener must rebid*

Can I *respond* 2♦ over a 1♥ opening bid?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
♠ A 5 ♥ Q J 3 ♦ K 10 9 2 ♣ 10 9 4 10 HCP balanced 5-3-3-2	♠ 10 7 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A K 10 6 3 ♣ J 8 7 8 HCP balanced 5-3-3-2	♠ J 7 4 ♥ — — ♦ K Q J 7 6 3 ♣ K 8 6 5 10 HCP unbalanced 6-4-3-0
No 4-card spade suit Cannot support hearts 4-card minor suit 10+ HCP Yes - 2♦ response	No 4-card spade suit Cannot support hearts 5-card minor suit 6-9 HCP No - see later...	No 4-card spade suit Cannot support hearts 6-card minor suit 10+ HCP Yes - 2♦ response

Do I always support partner?

How would you *respond* to partner's 1♦ *opening bid*?

♠ A K 9 7

♥ 9 3

♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ K Q 7

12 HCP balanced 4-4-3-2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Don't rush to <i>support</i> partner's <i>minor</i> Never deny a <i>4-card major</i> before <i>showing support</i> for partner's <i>minor</i> Your partner may opened a minor because it was their longest suit, but they may also have a 4+ card major You may find an <i>8-card major fit</i>...			

What if I have two suits I can respond with?

- *Respond with your longest suit first*
- *With two 4-card suits, bid the cheapest*
meaning the lowest available *bid* over partner's *bid*
over partner's 1♥ opening bid, 1♠ is cheaper than 2♣
- *With two 5+ card suits, bid the higher ranking suit first*

Responding **without a fit**

When should I *respond* no trumps?

- Less than *4-card support* for partner's *suit*
- No *4-card major* that you can *bid* at the *one-level*
- No *5-card suit* that you can *bid* at the *two-level*

Responding with no trumps

<i>HCP</i>	<i>Response</i>	
0-5	<i>Pass</i>	Not enough points for <i>game</i>
6-9	<i>1NT</i>	May not be <i>balanced</i> - a " <i>dustbin bid</i> "
10-12	<i>2NT</i>	<i>Balanced hand</i>
13-15	<i>3NT</i>	<i>Balanced hand</i> - <i>game</i> – needing 9 <i>tricks</i>

Respond 1NT over a 1♠ opening bid?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
♠ J 10 4 ♥ 8 6 ♦ A K 10 6 3 ♣ J 8 7 9 HCP balanced 5-3-3-2	♠ J 10 3 ♥ Q 10 8 2 ♦ A 7 2 ♣ 9 6 5 7 HCP balanced 4-3-3-3	♠ 9 ♥ Q 8 5 ♦ K 10 6 3 2 ♣ K 8 5 3 8 HCP unbalanced 5-4-3-1
Cannot support spades 6-9 HCP No two-level 5-card suit 1NT dustbin response	Cannot support spades 6-9 HCP No two-level 5-card suit 1NT dustbin response	Cannot support spades 6-9 HCP No two-level 5-card suit 1NT dustbin response

Partner opens 1♠ - what is your *response*?

Hand A	Hand B	Hand C
♠ J 9 2 ♥ A 10 6 3 ♦ K 9 4 ♣ Q J 8 11 HCP balanced 4-3-3-3	♠ 10 5 ♥ J 10 9 6 3 ♦ A 5 4 ♣ Q 9 2 7 HCP balanced 5-3-3-2	♠ 8 7 ♥ A J 10 ♦ K Q 9 8 ♣ A 10 7 2 14 HCP balanced 4-4-3-2
Cannot support spades 10-12 HCP No two-level 5-card suit Balanced hand 2NT response	Cannot support spades 6-9 HCP No two-level 5-card suit Any shaped hand 1NT dustbin response	Cannot support spades 13-15 HCP No two-level 5-card suit Balanced hand 3NT response

There are four choices when *rebidding* weaker hands

Opener's hand less than 15 HCP - after responder changes suit

Rebid your own suit

at the lowest available *level*

5 often 6 cards in your *suit*

Rebid a new suit

lower *ranking* than the first

a choice between your *suits*

Bid partner's suit

at the lowest available level

4+ cards in their *suit*

Pass

only if partner has made a *limit bid*, i.e. *supported* your *suit* or *bid* no trump or passed

Play *Hands*...

Summary - *Responding to 1-level suit opening bids*

What you have learnt in lesson 9

One of a suit opening bids

12-19 HCP possibly *unbalanced*

4+ cards in *suit*

Responding with a fit

0-5 *pass*

6-9 *raise to two-level*

10-12 *raise to three-level*

13-15 *raise to four-level*

Responding without a fit

Bid new suit at two-level 6+ HCP

Bid new suit at three-level 10+ HCP

Forcing bids if not already passed

Otherwise a no-trump *limit-bid*:

- 0-5 *pass*
- 6-9 *bid 1NT*
- 10-12 *bid 2NT*
- 13+ *bid 3NT*

Next time & Homework

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- More practice on completing the *auction*
- *Opener's rebid* with weak & strong *hands*
- *Opener's rebid* with *balanced hands*

Homework

- Finish quiz in section 3.9 page 47 - Change of *suit responses*