

Opening Bids- Major Suits

Requirements:

- A) 13 or more total HCP
- B) 5 or more cards in the suit

What would you open the bidding with?

- a) K8762 K654 A76 7
- b) AKQJ A76 765 765
- c) AKQ5 76543 K87 7
- d) A8765 A87 A87 87
- e) AK765 AK76 A76 8
- f) A8765 AK765 8 76

Responses:

- a) Pass- 0-5 HCP
- b) Raise partner's suit- Single raise with 6-9 HCP
Jump raise with 10-12 HCP
Double jump to game with 13+ HCP
Any raise of partner's suit shows at least 3 or more cards in the suit to give you a total of at least an 8 card fit.
- c) New suit- at least four cards in the suit you bid and 6+ HCP
if you can bid the suit at the one level (1H-P-1S) or at least 10 HCP if you have to go to the 2 level (1S-P-2C)
- d) No Trump- Simple 1NT response 6-9 HCP
Jump to 2NT with 10-12 HCP
Double jump to game in NT with 13-15 HCP

What would you respond if partner opened the bidding with 1H and your RHO passed?

- a) 876 K87 654 8753
- b) K762 98 654 A876
- c) 87 654 AK76 8765
- d) 7 J76 A9876 8765
- e) 87 K87 AQ76 Q654
- f) K65 87 J65 AQ765
- g) Q76 K7 AQ72 A976
- h) 8 K654 A5432 AJ7
- i) A6 875 AK765 Q54

Numbers to remember:

26 HCP for game in a major suit or NT

8 cards in the suit between the two hands to make a suit trumps