

Answers to Bridge Quiz 1

A. What do you open on each of the following hands?

<p>♠ Q J 10 ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ K Q J ♣ A K 2</p>	<p>Open 2♣ holding 23+ points playing ACOL. This hand has exactly 23 points. Assume partner responds 2♦ you will rebid 2NT</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 4 ♥ A Q J 6 ♦ A 8 4 2 ♣ 2</p>	<p>For 4-4-4-1 hands open middle of touching suits therefore 1♥. If partner bids 2♣ you can now bid 2NT (15 – 16). If partner bids 1NT (6 -9) you will pass.</p>
<p>♠ A K Q J ♥ 7 6 4 2 ♦ K 2 ♣ A 6 4</p>	<p>Holding 4-4 in the majors 15+ points always open 1♥ even though the suit is poor. If partner has spades, they will bid them and you will find your fit.</p>	<p>♠ 5 2 ♥ J 10 3 ♦ A K Q J 10 ♣ Q 10 4</p>	<p>Open this hand 1NT. Don't be hypnotised by the great diamond suit. No Trumps scores better and is still worth the same 5 tricks.</p>
<p>♠ A K Q J 10 8 3 ♥ ♦ 6 5 2 ♣ A K Q</p>	<p>This hand has only 19 points but it will make 10 tricks in spades. (7 spades and 3 clubs) You therefore have game in your own hand and the correct bid here is to open 2♣. This bid means 23+ points or Game in your own hand. If you open 4♠ here, partner will think this is pre-emptive and likely pass.</p>		

B. What do you bid with these hands after partner opens 1♥ and the next hand passes?

<p>♠ Q 10 8 5 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ A 2 ♣ Q 10</p>	<p>You have 10 points and 4 hearts for your partner. Ignore your spade suit and give your partner a limit bid of 3♥ (10 – 12) which is an invite to game.</p>	<p>♠ 10 9 2 ♥ 3 ♦ A Q 9 8 7 4 3 ♣ 4 2</p>	<p>You have 6 points and must make a bid but don't be tempted to bid 2♦ you are not strong enough. Partner might take you for at least 9+ points and make a leap to game. Bid 1NT (6 -9). It is a dustbin bid (catchall) and does not promise a balanced hand.</p>
<p>♠ 2 ♥ J 10 5 2 ♦ A K 4 2 ♣ 10 9 5 4</p>	<p>You may answer 2♥ but 3♥ is the correct bid. Whilst you have 8 points your singleton spade is a powerful feature and is worth 3 extra points to your hand hence 11 points. Only add shortage points when you have an 8+ card fit playing in a suit.</p>	<p>♠ A K 8 5 2 ♥ Q 10 9 8 ♦ A J ♣ A 5</p>	<p>This looks like the 1st hand in this section but it is more powerful and needs treating differently. Here you need to make a waiting bid of 1♠ to see what partner bids next. It looks like a slam is likely and if you leap to 4♥ partner will likely pass.</p>
<p>♠ 2 ♥ 10 4 ♦ A K 10 9 5 ♣ A K Q 8 2</p>	<p>You are going to bid a minor but which one? Here you bid 2♦. Say partner bids 2♥ or 2NT you will now bid 3♣ thereby starting to show the shape of your hand. If you choose 3♣ first it now will be difficult to get your shape across to your partner. Here there could be a slam somewhere. If you had to open this hand you would open 1♦ so just following the same rule when responding to partner with 5 - 5</p>		

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C. Partner opens 1NT and the next hand passes what is your bid?

<p>♠ 9 7 5 4 3 ♥ 8 5 ♦ J 5 4 2 ♣ 7 4</p>	<p>Do not pass. This hand is likely to be worthless in No trumps but if you transfer your partner to spades it could reasonably make 2 tricks. Bid 2♥ as a transfer bid.</p>	<p>♠ A 8 6 3 ♥ K 10 7 3 2 ♦ 6 2 ♣ 8 5</p>	<p>It may be tempting to bid 2♦ transfer but this is not the best bid. Use 2♣ Stayman here. If partner bids 2♥ or 2♠ you will pass. If partner bids 2♦ then you will just bid 2♥</p>
<p>♠ K 10 7 5 ♥ A 9 5 ♦ 5 2 ♣ A K 10 5</p>	<p>With 14 points 3NT might be an option but not here. You must use 2♣ Stayman. If partner bids 2♦ or 2♥ you will now bid 3NT. If partner bids 2♠ you will now bid 4♠. Your doubleton diamond is a concern and playing in a 4-4 major could be far superior.</p>	<p>♠ Q 10 5 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ K 10 6 ♣ 9 8 6 5</p>	<p>Pass is the correct bid. A balanced hand between 0 – 10 points has little prospect of game in the knowledge that partner has 14 maximum points and therefore 24 points combined. Remember that you need 25 points to think about making 3NT.</p>
<p>♠ A K 9 ♥ A Q ♦ A 10 9 8 7 4 ♣ A 5</p>	<p>There are some important numbers to remember for No Trump contracts. 25 points for 3NT, 33 points for 6NT and 37 points for 7NT. Here you have 21 points and partner has at least 12 points for opening 1NT. You know therefore you have a minimum of 33 points, therefore jump straight to 6NT. Don't mess around with Gerber or Blackwood (You have all the Aces!)</p>		

D. Partner opens 1NT and you make a transfer bid of 2♦. Partner bids 2♥ as instructed
What's your next bid?

<p>♠ Q 8 7 ♥ A K 10 9 2 ♦ K 10 3 ♣ A 5</p>	<p>You know you want to be in game and you have told partner you have 5 hearts. Now you must bid 3NT describing your hand to partner and letting them decide whether to pass or bid 4♥</p>	<p>♠ K J 10 ♥ Q 10 9 5 3 ♦ Q 6 ♣ K 10 2</p>	<p>Like the previous hand this time you hold 11 points and game is unsure. You have shown 5 hearts now bid 2NT showing your points and let partner choose the next bid</p>
<p>♠ 7 3 ♥ A J 9 8 7 3 ♦ A 2 ♣ Q 10 9</p>	<p>Here you have 6 hearts and 11 points. Your partner must have at least 2 hearts for opening 1NT therefore hearts is your contract. Bid 3♥ being an invite to partner to bid game with a maximum hand or pass with a non-maximum hand</p>	<p>♠ A 7 4 ♥ K Q J 10 9 8 ♦ 8 5 ♣ K Q</p>	<p>Like the previous hand you have 6 hearts but here you have game values therefore bid 4♥</p>
<p>♠ 9 6 ♥ A 10 8 7 6 ♦ A K Q 8 5 ♣ A</p>	<p>This hand has slam potential and you need to describe your hand more. Your 2nd bid after partner bids 2♥ should be 3♦. A new suit at the 3 level is forcing therefore partner must bid again. The bid also suggests an unbalanced hand and partner must now decide from what they have heard what they consider their next bid to be.</p>		

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E. You open 1♦ and partner bids 1♠. What is your rebid with the following hand?

♠ 5 ♥ A K Q 10 ♦ A 10 8 5 3 ♣ 10 5 2	You have a minimum hand and you must not bid 2♥ as this is called a reverse bid and shows a strong hand. You must just bid 2♦ here to tell partner you are minimum.	♠ J 10 ♥ A J 10 ♦ K Q 9 6 ♣ K J 5 2	With 15-16 points balanced bid 1NT
♠ 3 ♥ A Q 9 ♦ A K J 5 4 ♣ Q J 8 4	Your only worry is spades but partner has them. Bid 2NT showing 17-18 points.	♠ A 7 ♥ 6 2 ♦ K Q 10 8 6 ♣ A K 10 5	Whilst you have 16 points you should be reluctant to bid 1NT due to your poor heart suit. Bidding 3♣ would be a gross overbid and this is game forcing and partner has only promised 6 points. Just bid 2♣ and wait to see if partner can speak again.
♠ K Q 4 ♥ A Q 8 7 ♦ Q 9 8 6 2 ♣ 3	This is like the first hand with a poor opening suit and a minimum hand but here you have a better choice for your next bid. You hold K Q 4 in your partners opening suit so therefore it is far better to bid 2♠ with 3 card support versus repeating your diamond suit.		