

# Beginner Bridge Lesson 5

NG34Bridge

## Practise New Suit Responses and Opener's Limit Rebids

<b>Hand: 1</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 6 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ 6 5 4 3 ♣ K Q J 7 2
<b>Hand: 2</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ J 7 5 3 ♥ 9 ♦ J 3 2 ♣ K Q 5 3 2
<b>Hand: 3</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♠ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ J 9 8 ♥ A J 8 3 ♦ ♣ K 10 8 4 3 2
<b>Hand: 4</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♠ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A 9 3 ♥ K J 9 8 7 3 ♦ K 2 ♣ A J
<b>Hand: 5</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♥ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ 9 8 4 ♥ K J 9 3 ♦ 8 7 4 ♣ 8 7 3
<b>Hand: 6</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 6 ♥ J 3 ♦ A K 3 2 ♣ Q 9 8 7
<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer: North</b> <b>West North East South</b> 1♣ Pass ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K Q 8 7 6 5 4 ♥ 4 ♦ A K ♣ 9 8 5
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer: South</b> <b>West North East South</b> Pass 1♥ Pass 1♦ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 5 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ K J 7 6 3 ♣ A 10 9

**Answer: 1NT**

With 8 points you have to bid but you are too weak to bid 2♣. You do not satisfy the rule of 14. You have to bid a Dustbin 1NT. This bid does not promise a balanced hand. It is just a point count – 6-9 HCP

**Answer: 1♠**

You are just strong enough to bid. Do not bid 2♣. "Do not bypass a 4 card major". Partner may have five hearts and four spades

**Answer: 2♣**

Easily satisfies the Rule of 14. A better bid than a Dustbin 1NT which partner might pass.

**Answer: 2♥**

With 16 points a slam may be on, but you still make a simple non-jump bid. Your new suit bid is forcing – partner will not pass. The best contract might be 3NT, 4♥, 4♠, or a slam. Leave as much bidding space as possible to find the best contract. You can show your strength with your rebid.

**Answer: Pass**

With only 4 HCP, don't bid 2♥. Partner will be misled about your strength; if partner has 19 points and 4 hearts he will bid 4♥ which will probably go off.

**Answer: 1♦**

With this 15 point balanced hand and no likely fit in a major you might be thinking about bidding 3NT but that takes up a lot of bidding space. Your 1♦ bid is forcing. You can always bid 3NT with your rebid. Partner may rebid 3♣ (6 card suit and 16-18 points) in which case a club slam may be your best contract.

**Answer: 1♠**

You don't need to jump to 2♠. A bid of 1♠ is forcing. 3NT might be the best contract. You can show your shape and strength on the next round.

**Answer: 1NT**

You show a balanced hand with 15-16 points so show your point count range by bidding no Trumps at the lowest available level

<b>Hand:</b> 9 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 1♠ Pass 1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 7 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ K Q 5 2 ♣ Q J 3
<b>Hand:</b> 10 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 2♣ Pass 1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 7 ♥ A K 8 5 ♦ K 7 5 2 ♣ Q 9 3
<b>Hand:</b> 11 <b>Dealer:</b> South Vul: None <b>West North East South</b> Pass 2♣ Pass 1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 9 ♥ A Q 8 7 4 2 ♦ 5 ♣ K 8 5
<b>Hand:</b> 12 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 1♠ Pass 1♥ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ K 5 4 ♥ A K 8 7 5 2 ♦ 5 ♣ A Q 5
<b>Hand:</b> 13 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 2♣ Pass 1♠ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A K J 10 7 3 ♥ A K 9 ♦ 5 ♣ K 7 5
<b>Hand:</b> 14 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 1♠ Pass 1♣ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 7 3 ♥ K 8 ♦ A 9 ♣ K 9 4 3 2
<b>Hand:</b> 15 <b>Dealer:</b> South <b>West North East South</b> Pass 1♠ Pass 1♣ ?	<b>South</b> ♠ A J 7 3 2 ♥ K J 2 ♦ - ♣ K Q 4 3 2

**Answer:** 2NT

You planned to open 1♥ and rebid 2NT, and that's what you now do.

**Answer:** 2NT

You have 15 HCP and originally planned to open 1♥ and rebid 1NT but partner's 2♣ rebid has prevented you from doing so. You have to bid 2NT, but that's not a concern. Partner's bid promises at least 9 HCP so with a combined 24+ points you should be comfortable playing in 2NT. After the 2-level response your bid shows 15-18 HCP so partner will almost certainly bid on. You have the strength to bid 3NT but you should give partner the opportunity to describe her hand further. Partner may have a very unbalanced hand with long clubs, and the right contract might be 5♣.

**Answer:** 2♥

You have an unbalanced minimum opening hand so you just repeat your suit at the lowest available level

**Answer:** 3♥

You have 16 points and a good 6 card suit so can repeat your hearts with a jump rebid.

**Answer:** 4♠

You have 17 points but with an excellent 6 card suit your hand is worth an upgrade. Partner's 2-level response shows at least 8-9 points, so the partnership has enough for game. A rebid of 3♠ is a limit bid which partner might pass with a minimum hand and spade shortage so you should bid game.

**Answer:** 3♠

You have 15 HCP but now that an 8 card spade fit has been found you can add two shortage points for your two doubletons. With 17 total points you are strong enough to make a game invitational bid of 3♠. With 8+ points partner should bid game.

**Answer:** 4♠

You have 14 HCP but now that an 8+ card spade fit has been found you can add five shortage points for your diamond void. With 19 total points you are strong enough to bid 4♠.