

Beginner Bridge Lesson 3

Practise your Limit Bid Responses And Opener's Continuations

Responder's Suit Raise (Limit Bid)

Choose your next bid

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Answer: 3♥

South has four card heart support, 10 HCP points and one shortage point (diamond doubleton) so with 11 total points has an intermediate strength responder hand, South makes a jump raise to 3♥. With the same shape and 6-9 points South would bid 2♥.

Answer: 2♠

South has 4 card spade support and 9 points including one shortage point (doubleton), a minimum responder hand, so makes a simple (non-jump) raise to 2♠.

Answer: 4♥

South has a fit for North's hearts and 13 points, which is a strong responder hand. South knows that the partnership has at least 25 points so bids game.

Answer: 4♠

South has 9 points (including one shortage point) so bids a simple 2♠, which shows a minimum strength hand and a spade fit. North's 3♠ is an invitational bid that shows interest in game (4♠) if South is at the top end of her 6-9 points. South accepts the invitation by bidding 4♠.

Answer: 4♥

North's jump to 3♥ shows an intermediate responder hand (10-12 points). South has 17 points including shortage, and an intermediate opener's hand, so knows the partnership has at least 26 points.

South is happy to bid game (4♥).

Answer: 3♥

North has shown 6-9 points. South has an intermediate strength hand, 18 points including three shortage points (singleton diamond) and wants to know whether North is at the top or bottom of her range. South invites North to bid game with 8-9 points or to pass with 6-7 points.

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

North has shown an intermediate strength hand (10-12) and is inviting game. South started with just 12 honour points but now that a heart fit has been found South can add three shortage points so has 15 total points. A combined 25+ points is enough for game.

Answer: 4♥

North has shown an intermediate strength hand (10-12) and is inviting game. South started with 13 honour points but now that a heart fit has been found South can add one shortage points for the doubleton diamond so has 14 total points. South has a tricky decision to make. On a bad day North may have just 10 points, not quite enough for game but more often than not North will have 11 – 12 points so it is winning bridge for South to bid game.

Answer: 4♠

South has 9 honour points but can add five shortage points for the void in hearts. With 14 total points opposite North's minimum 12 points South bids game.

Responder's No Trump Bid (Limit Bid)

Hand: 10 Dealer: North West North East South 1♠ Pass ?	South ♠ 7 ♥ A 5 ♦ Q 9 8 7 6 4 2 ♣ J 7 6
Hand: 11 Dealer: North West North East South 1♥ Pass ?	South ♠ A Q 7 ♥ 8 7 3 ♦ J 5 3 2 ♣ A 4 3
Hand: 12 Dealer: North West North East South 1♣ Pass ?	South ♠ A Q 4 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ K J 7 3
Hand: 13 Dealer: North West North East South Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT ?	North ♠ A Q 4 ♥ K 7 6 2 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ K Q 7
Hand: 14 Dealer: North West North East South Pass 1♥ Pass 1NT ? Pass 2NT Pass ?	South ♠ Q 5 4 ♥ K 4 ♦ Q J 4 2 ♣ 9 8 7

Answer: 1NT

Showing 6-9 points. South is too weak to bid 2♦, which would require a 10+ point hand, but with 6 or more points can keep the bidding open for partner, who may have 19-20 points.

Answer: 2NT

This bid shows 10-12 HCP.

Answer: 3NT

South knows that the partnership has a combined 25+ points and a balanced hand.

Answer: Pass

South has 6-9 points and has denied 5 card heart support. North has 15 HCP so knows that the partnership does not have enough combined strength for game.

Answer: 3NT

North knows that South has 6-9 points and is inviting South to bid 3NT. South is at the top end of the range (8-9 points) so accepts the invitation.