

# Lesson 6 Extension Practice

## 4441 Hands and Reverses

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Choose your next bid:

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

**Answer:** Pass

Although our hand has 12 HCP, opening 4441 hands can be problematic and it is generally better to pass with a bare minimum hand.

**Answer:** 1♥

This bid will ensure that if there is a fit in a major then it will be found. If partner responded 2♣ we would have to bid 2♦ which would tell a lie about the length of our heart suit (promising 5 hearts) but at least partner has at least 9 HCP for her 2 level response so if partner passed with just 3 hearts our combined 23 points should compensate for the absence of the 8<sup>th</sup> heart.

**Answer:** 1♦

18 HCP, but 4441 hands are awkward to describe regardless of HCP count. If partner responds in our singleton suit, hearts, we can bid 1♠. We will have told a lie about the length of our first suit but at least it's not a major suit.

**Answer:** 1♦

If partner responds 1♠ (denying 4 hearts) then you will rebid 2♣. We will have lied about our diamond length but at least it's a minor suit.

**Answer:** 1♠

We have 17 HCP and a combined 23+ HCP. Your bid is not a reverse because it is not a level higher than your first bid. You could have anything from 12 to 19 HCP. Your bid is still forcing as you have introduced a new suit. Partner must not pass.

**Answer:** 2♦

You have 15 HCP, not enough to reverse. You may be able to show your spades later if North has a strong hand. If you bid 2♠ now and partner has just 6 points, hates spades and has reasonable diamonds then he will have to bid 3♦ with just a combined 20 HCP.

**Answer:** 2♠

You are strong enough to reverse.

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

  

<b>Hand: 8 Dealer: South</b>					<b>South</b>	
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>		♠	Q J 9 4 2
			?		♥	A Q J 4 2
					♦	A K
					♣	4

**Answer: 3♣**

You have 19 HCP so the partnership has enough for game. Your bid of 3♣ is not a reverse, it is a jump shift (reverses are never jump bids). A new suit at the 3-level is universally game forcing.

**Answer: 1♠**

You might be tempted to open 1♥ and then reverse (bid 2♠) to show your strength, but this would be a mistake. If partner has just 6 HCP, responds 1NT and hates your spades and has a hand unsuitable for No Trumps then she will have to give preference to your hearts by bidding 3♥, which could be dangerously high. If you open 1♠ and then rebid 2♥, a weak partner can give preference to either of your suits by passing or by bidding 2♠. Always open the higher of two equal length suits except when you have four hearts and four spades.