

Beginner Bridge Lesson 4

NG34Bridge

Practise your Limit Bid Responses And Opener's Continuations

Responder's Suit Raise (Limit Bid)

Choose your next bid

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

Answer: 3♥

South has four card heart support and 10 honour points and one shortage point (diamond doubleton) so with 11 total points has an intermediate (Middle Floor) responder hand, so 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 (Ground Floor) 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 (Top Floor) 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, an intermediate opener's hand, so knows the partnership has at least 26 points. South is happy 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
Hand: 9 Dir: North West North East South 1♠ Pass ?	South ♠ A 9 8 7 4 2 ♥ ♦ K J 8 7 ♣ J 8 2

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 (just 24 combined points) 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 ?	North ♠ A Q 4 ♥ K 7 6 2 ♦ J 4 2 ♣ K Q 7

Answer: 1NT

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

Answer: 2NT

With 11 points you are strong enough to bid 2♦ but you sensibly give priority to showing a 10-12 point balanced hand rather than your anaemic diamonds

Answer: 3NT

You have a combined 25+ points and a balanced hand.

Answer: Pass

You have a balanced hand 15 point hand that was too strong to open 1NT. South's bid shows 6-9 points. The chances of the partnership having 25 points is remote so the sensible option is to pass.

Answer: 2NT

You have a balanced 17 point hand that was too strong to open 1NT. South's bid shows 6-9 points. If South has 8+ points then the partnership has enough for game so you invite with a bid of 2NT.

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Answer: 3NT

You have a balanced 19 point hand that was too strong to open 1NT. South’s bid shows 6-9 points. You have enough combined strength to bid 3NT.

Answer: 3NT

North knows you have 6-9 points and is inviting you to bid 3NT if you are at the top end of your range (8-9 points). You have enough strength to accept the invitation.

Answer: 2♥

North has a minimum opening hand and prefers a repeat of her opening suit to passing 1NT. A simple (non-jump) rebid of a suit suggests but does not guarantee 6 cards.

Answer: 3♥

A jump rebid of opener’s suit guarantees a 6+ card suit and 16+ HCP.