Lesson 2d

Responding to 1*/*

Responder needs at least 6 HCP to bid. Responder's priority is to find a 4-card major fit

- Bid a new suit at the 1 level
- With two 5-card suits bid the higher suit first
- With two 4-card suits bid the lower suit first. Note: when responding to 1*, with 6 9 HCP, some players prefer to bypass a 4-card or longer diamond suit with a preference to bidding a 4-card major suit. However, with 10 + HCP, it is better to bid the 5-card diamond suit first
- Bid No Trumps

1 NT [']	6-9
2 NT	10 – 12
3 NT	13 +

- With 16 + HCP bid a new suit then jump the bidding in order to show the extra strength
- Raise the minor suit (diamonds)

2 🔶	6 – 9
2 🔶	10 – 12

With 13 + points bid a new suit then jump the bidding

- Remember, if partner opens 1. they may have only two, so to raise an opening 1. you need six clubs. Without 6 clubs, and no higher 4-card suit bid No Trumps
- NOTE: you should only bid a new suit at the two level with 10+ points. With less points bid No Trumps if necessary, even with an unbalanced hand

The bidding is similar to the responses to opening 1 v or 1 a outlined in Lessons 2b and 2c.

IMPORTANT Responder's new suit is forcing

Responses to 1♦				
5 ♦	13 + unbalanced	4 + diamonds		
5 ♣ 4♣/♦/♥/♠/NT	Partnership agreement			
3 NT	13 – 15	Balanced		
3 ♥/♠	Partnership agreement			
3 🔶	10 – 12	4 + diamonds		
3 🌲	Partnership agreement			
2 NT	11 – 12	Balanced		
2 ♥/♠	Partnership agreement			
2 ♦	6 – 9	4 + diamonds		
2 🌲	10 +	4 + clubs		
1 NT	6 - 9	could be unbalanced		
1 🔺	6 +	4 + spades		
1 🛡	6 +	4 + hearts		
Pass	0 – 5			

Responses to 1.				
5 ♣	13 + unbalance d	6 + clubs		
4 ♣/♦/♥/♠/N T	Partnership agreement			
3 NT	13 – 15	balanced		
3 ♦/♥/♠	Partnership agreement			
3 🐥	10 – 12	4 + clubs		
2 NT	11 – 12	balanced		
2 ♦/♥/♠	Partnership agreement			
2 🌲	10 +	5 + clubs		
1 NT	6 – 9	balanced		
1 🔺	6 +	4 + spades		
1 🛡	6 +	4 + hearts		
1 🔶	6	4 + diamonds		
Pass	0 – 5			

Examples of Responses to 1+

	 ♦ 98742 ♥ K42 ♦ K74 ♣ Q2 	 ▲ 10976 ♥ KQ95 ♦ A8 ♣ 865 	 ▲ K10854 ♥ AK1096 ◆ 65 ♣ 3 	 ▲ K86 ♥ KJ3 ◆ Q64 ▲ 10972 	 ▲ A974 ♥ 83 ◆ Q9652 ♣ 108 	 ▲ A973 ♥ QJ3 ♦ KQ954 ♣ 6
Bid	1 🔺	1 🕶*	1▲**	1 NT	1♠***	1♦****

* With two four card suits bid the lower suit

** With two five card suits bid the higher suit

*** With minimum points, you intend to bid only once so show the 4 card major first

**** Here the hand is stronger, you intend to make two bids by showing your diamonds first

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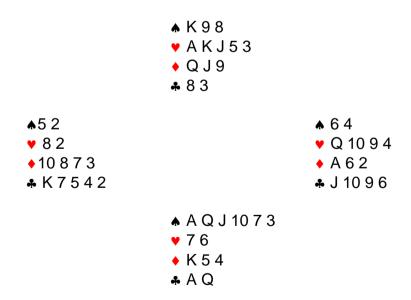
	 ♦ 9863 ♥ K874 ♦ Q1094 ♣ 2 	 ▲ A1076 ♥ KJ95 ◆ 843 ♣ 86 	 ▲ KJ854 ♥ KQ1096 ♦ 6 ♣ K3 	 ▲ K97 ♥ 853 ♦ 1084 ♣ K1072 	 ▲ K43 ♥ 32 ♦ 10986 ♣ AQ108 	 ▲ 73 ♥ QJ3 ◆ Q9 ♣ AQ10973
Bid	Pass	1 ♥*	1♠**	1 NT	2♦	2*

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Famous Bridge Hands #2

This is the first hand to make it onto the cover of **Time** magazine.



South ended up in 6. The 10•was led to the A • with South playing the K • under the Ace. South won the club return with the Ace, drew trumps, played two rounds of hearts and trumped a heart. A diamond to the Queen and the fourth heart was ruffed. Another diamond to the Jack and **President Dwight D Eisenhower** was able to discard his Q • on the fifth heart, thereby making his contract!