

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♥ or 1♠ 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 + unbalanced	6 + clubs
4♣/♦/♥/♠/NT	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	

Lesson 2d

Examples of Responses to 1♣

♠ 98742	♠ 10976	♠ K10854	♠ K86	♠ A974	♠ A973
♥ K42	♥ KQ95	♥ AK1096	♥ KJ3	♥ 83	♥ QJ3
♦ K74	♦ A8	♦ 65	♦ Q64	♦ Q9652	♦ KQ954
♣ Q2	♣ 865	♣ 3	♣ 10972	♣ 108	♣ 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

Examples of Responses to 1♦

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

Bid Pass 1 ♥* 1♠** 1 NT 2♦ 2♣

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** With two five card suits bid the higher suit

Famous Bridge Hands #2

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

♠ K 9 8
♥ A K J 5 3
♦ Q J 9
♣ 8 3

♠ 5 2
♥ 8 2
♦ 10 8 7 3
♣ K 7 5 4 2

♠ 6 4
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ A 6 2
♣ J 10 9 6

♠ A Q J 10 7 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K 5 4
♣ A Q

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!