

Q1. Opener bids 1♥

As responder holding the hand below
what is your bid?

♠ J93, ♥632, ♦KQ, ♣QT972

Q2. Holding TWO 5-card suits which suit does Opener always bid first and why?

Q3. Holding TWO 4-card suits & no 5-card suit?
which suit should opener bid first

Q4. How does Opener use the Rule of 20 when assessing whether his hand is strong enough to open the bidding?

The dreaded 4,4,4,1 hand

♠AK43, ♥7, ♦JT76, ♣AQT6

Q5. What is our advice about the suit to bid first holding the dreaded 4,4,4,1 hand as above?

Q6. Partner opens 1♥
What can responder bid with the hand below?

♠ QJ7, ♥ JT3, ♦ T4, ♣ AJT74?

Q7.

Partner opens 1♥
What should responder bid with the hand below?

♠ 98432, ♥ QJ4, ♦ QJ32, ♣ K

Q8. Partner opens 1♥
What should responder bid with the hand below?

♠ Q93, ♥ T632, ♦ KQ, ♣ JT93

Q9. Partner opens 1♠
Can responder bid 2♥ with the hand below? Why?

♠ J7, ♥ KQ54, ♦ JT3, ♣ AT98

Q10. Partner opens 1♠
Can responder bid 2♥ with the hand below? Why?

♠ K7, ♥ QJ954, ♦ T93, ♣ AJ9

A2. Opener must bid the **higher ranked** of TWO 5-card suits.

Why? Because it allows opener to rebid his lower 5-card suit should a fit with the first not be found thus giving responder a suit preference at the lowest possible level

A1. No fit with Opener's heart suit, no 4-card spade suit, and doesn't meet the Rule of 14 to bid at the 2 level! But Responder has 8 HCP so **MUST** bid!

Bid 1NT – the dustbin bid. It's all that's available!

A4. Add your HCP to number of cards in TWO longest suits. if this equals 20 +, open the bidding! e.g.

♠ QJ987, ♥ KT3, ♦ T4, ♣ AJT7
(11HCP + 9 cards in ♠&♣=20)
Open 1♠

A3. With TWO 4-card suits of the **same rank**, i.e. **both majors or both minors**, open the lower suit.
With TWO 4-card suits of **different rank** i.e. **a major and a minor**, open the major

Use the Rule of 14

A6. Responder can bid a suit at the 2 level when his HCPs added to the number of cards in his longest suit = 14 or more, then bid that suit at the 2 level

The dreaded 4,4,4,1 hand

A5. Always open a minor

There is no 'correct' bid. but if you must lie as in the case of a 4441 hand, better to lie in a minor suit.

A8. Responder should bid 2♥

You have 4 card support for Opener's bid suit and so a 'SUIT FIT'
The first rule for Responder is to support opener's bid suit if you can, especially if it's a major

A7. Responder should bid 1♠

Ok, your spades are not great, but spades are the highest ranking suit and you have 5 of them!
'Never deny a 4-card major'

A10. Yes, Responder has the required 5-card heart suit to bid 2♥ after a 1-of a suit opening bid by partner. Why? The 2♥ bid uses up a lot of bidding space. Opener will know responder's 2♥ bid promises 5 cards

A9. No, Responder needs a 5-card heart suit to bid 2♥ after a 1-of a suit opening bid by partner.
In this case, responder should bid 2♣