



Responding after an overcall

With a support in the opener's major suit,
raise at level 2, 3 or 4 according to your strength, or make a forcing bid above 11 HCP (shift or cue-bid)

Without any support,

- Pass with less than 5 HCP
- NT bids with at least one stopper in the opponent's suit
- Sputnik double with 4 cards in the remaining suits and a minimum of 7-8 HCP
- Shift : at level 2, you need 11 HCP and at least 5 cards
- With no possible major fit, cue-bid with 11 HCP or more in order to find stoppers in your partner's hand.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass			



Exercise E4888 PASS with these poor and useless points

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♦
2 ♥			



Exercise E4889 2 ♥ 7 HCP and 3 cards : simple raise



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With a support in the opener's major suit

During competitive biddings, with a limited hand (maximum 10-11 HCP) you must raise rapidly and...at the right level.

Raise at the lowest level with 3 cards and a minimum 5-6 HCP

Game proposal at level 3 with 4 cards and at least 8-9 HCP

Game with 4 cards and 10-11 HCP

Forcing bid :shift or cue-bid the overcalled suit 4 cards in a well distributed hand counting 11 HCP and above

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♦
3 ♥			



Exercise E4890 3 ♥ Game proposal with these nice 9 HCP

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	2 ♦
4 ♥			



Exercise E4891 4 ♥ Raise with this strong 11 HCP well distributed hand (4332)



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Looking for a major fit

2 biddings will allow you to look for a major fit : Sputnik double or shift.

Sputnik double : 7-8 HCP and above (at level 1), it's a take out double for the remaining suits

Shift : at level 2, you need 5 cards and at least 11 HCP

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	2 ♣
2 ♠	Pass		

A ♠	J ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	7 ♠	A ♥	Q ♥	4 ♥	4 ♣	2 ♣	10 ♦	8 ♦	7 ♦
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Exercise E1232 With at least

- 11 HCP

- 5 ♠ cards

shift at level 2. It's a responder's shift, therefore, it's a forcing bid.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♦	1 ♠
X			

A ♠	10 ♠	9 ♠	8 ♠	A ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	7 ♥	7 ♣	2 ♣	9 ♦	6 ♦	5 ♦
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Exercise E1571 X From 7-8 HCP (no upper limit) and 4 cards in the unnamed major suit, use the very efficient Sputnik double



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
With no possible fit in a major suit : NT

Level 1 NT bids show at least one stopper in the opponent's suit, at a higher level they require more than one stopper :

- 1NT : 8-10 HCP at least one stopper in the overcalled suit
- 2 NT : 11 HCP, a balanced hand and two stoppers in the overcalled suit
- 3 NT : 12-14 HCP, a balanced hand with two serious stoppers in the overcalled suit

S	W	N	E
		1 	2 
3 NT	Pass		



Exercise E1476 3 SA 3 NT. First of all, it guarantees solid stoppers in ...your partner will take care of  !