



Responses after 1TR opening

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For bases, please consult the level 1 lesson

here (level 2) , we focus on suit changes at the 1 level and preempts

S			W			N			E			
						1 ♣						
K ♠	5 ♠	3 ♠	8 ♥	5 ♥	4 ♥	3 ♥	10 ♣	4 ♣	3 ♣	7 ♦	5 ♦	4 ♦

Problem E2007 PASS with this awful hand !

S		W		N		E	
				1 ♣		Pass	
1 NT							

10♠

4♠

2♠

K♥

4♥

3♥

K♣

4♣

2♣

Q♦

6♦

5♦

4♦

Problem E2015 The 1 NT response has the advantage of preventing the opponents from making a Major overcall at the 1 level. It shows 7 to 10 HCP



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Responding with a new suit at the 1 level

- Required strength: 5 to 10HCP and a 4+ card suit.
- With a 5 card Major: bid it (in general)
- With 6 cards in \spadesuit : bid it
- With 5 cards in \spadesuit , 4 4 in the Majors, and a nice hand, bid 1 \spadesuit
- with more than 1 4 card suit, and
 - a weak hand: give preference to the cheaper suit (not necessarily a Major !)
 - an 'average' hand (8-10HCP) bid the cheapest Major
 - a strong hand, prefer the minor(\clubsuit) .

S	W	N	E
		1 \clubsuit	Pass
1 \spadesuit			



Problem E5268 If you do not bid \spadesuit in the first round , you risk never having an opportunity to bid them and missing out on a fit (and possibly a slam)

S	W	N	E
		1 \clubsuit	Pass
1 \spadesuit			



Problem E5269 With 6 cards in \spadesuit you must bid them, even if you have a 4 card Major.



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Preempt response bids

On a minor opening, they can be used even with a very weak hand (3-4HCP).

- with a nice minor, preempt at the 3 level
- With ♥, go to the 4 level to make the job of the opponents more difficult.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♣	Pass
3 ♦			



Problem E5271 An excellent preempt that really complicates the task of the opps !



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Support bids

Support may be the only possible bid.

- Simple support with 5 to 10 support points
- Jump support with 11-12 support points . it is an encouraging support for a NT contract .

S	W	N	E
		1 ♣	Pass
3 ♣			

A	4	3	3	K	Q	10	5	3	6	5	4	3
♠	♠	♠	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E2029 minor support at the level of 3 is not forcing. It shows 11 - 12 support points. it denies a 4 card major