



The Responder's first bid after a level 1 Major opening

Responses to a level 1 Major opening

1NT 'forcing' shows 6-12 HCP and doesn't give any other indication. Sometimes this is the only possible bid when you are not strong enough to shift to the 2-level

Jacoby 2NT. This is a very precise bid, 4+ trumps & 13+ support points.

RKC Blackwood 4NT. With a strong hand, to directly ask about the opener's key cards count.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♥	Pass
1 NT			

7	5	3	8	4	A	K	J	7	4	Q	7	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E40015 1NT Forcing (and catch all) You are not strong enough to force with 2♣....Which would be game forcing 2/1

You are not fitted and do not have 4 cards in ♠... Bid 1NT, round forcing.

Q	J	5	2	K	Q	Q	5	3	A	8	6	2
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

A	K	8	4	3	A	9	3	2	10	9	8	J
♠	♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦

Problem E40042. Here is the famous Jacoby 2NT in response to a Major opening. It shows 13+ points and 4+ spades - game forcing!