



Interventions after The Opener bids at 1 level

After the Opener, there are 3 main types of interventions :

- bidding a 5 card suit
 - bidding DOUBLE
 - bidding 1NT with a regular distribution and a stopper in The Opener's suit
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Interventions with a suit

At the 1 level with 8HCP and a "nice" 5 card suit

At the 2 level without a jump With 10HCP and a "nice" 6 card suit.

At the 2 level with a jump in a major with the equivalent of The Opener bidding a weak 2 (cf level 2)

At level 3,4 and 5 with a long one suiter. "Pre-empt" (cf level 2)

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
Pass			

K	5	A	8	4	2	A	K	J	9	7	5	3
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E3707 PASS ... DESPITE 15HCP : no 5 suiter to bid.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♣
1 ♥			

K	J	9	4	A	Q	J	9	3	4	Q	9	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦

Problem E3753 1 ♥ : Intervene - this is like opening with this 5 solid card suit.



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Double

This intervention is the most economical. It promises :

- At least 12-13HCP and at least 3 cards in the non bid suits. Don't double when don't have at least 4 cards in the non bid major.
- At least 17-18HCP regardless of distribution.

Careful !

With a strong hand, always start with double ... even if you have a "nice" suit.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
X			

K ♠	J ♠	10 ♠	8 ♠	A ♥	J ♥	10 ♥	8 ♥	Q ♣	7 ♣	3 ♣	A ♦	Q ♦
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Problem E3795 Double - so that you may find a possible fit in ♥ or ♠



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Intervention: 1NT

Use this bid with distribution and points as though you were The Opener. :

- You are ideally situated behind The Opener a strength of 15-17HCP is enough.
- A stopper in the Opponent's suit.

Careful!

Dont forget that your Partner can have 0 points! Intervening "light" will be punished by a double from Opponents.

S	W	N	E
			1 ♦
1 NT			



Problem E1056 As though you would have opened 1NT with this hand ... you intervene with 1NT (with a strong hold in ♦)
