

# Lesson 5: Practise Opener New Suit Rebids and continuations

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7	West	North	East	South													
		1♦	Pass	1♥													
		2♣	Pass	?													

8	West	North	East	South	♠ 976 ♥ Q965 ♦ A52 ♣ J64	<b>1NT</b> With the stopper in diamonds and flat shape with nothing to ruff, making 8 tricks in No Trumps will score better than making 8 tricks in a club contract (scoring 120 vs 90)
9	West	North	East	South	♠ 76 ♥ K94 ♦ AQ3 ♣ A9865	<b>3NT</b> You have 13 points, enough for game, and you have a good stopper* in the unbid suit (diamonds), so can bid 3NT. <i>* "Stopper": If you end up playing in No Trumps you will be declarer, so if West leads the unbid diamond suit round to your DAQ you will win the first two rounds of diamonds, i.e. you have two diamond stoppers.</i>
10	West	North	East	South	♠ K982 ♥ K954 ♦ 765 ♣ J5	<b>2♠</b> A minimum raise of partner's spade suit shows 6-9 points and four spades. With 10 points you would have bid 3♠.
11	West	North	East	South	♠ K976 ♥ K942 ♦ 7 ♣ 6542	<b>Pass</b> Opener has 5+ diamonds and 4+ clubs. He has not rebid 1♠ or supported your hearts so has denied 4 hearts and 4 spades. He has 12-18 HCP (with 19 HCP he would have jumped to 3♣). It is very unlikely that the partnership has enough combined points for game, so you want to settle for a safe part score. You have an 8+ card club fit so you pass. This is called a <b>preference pass</b> , preferring partner's clubs.
12	West	North	East	South	♠ QJ2 ♥ AK10763 ♦ J2 ♣ 65	<b>3♥</b> Your jump rebid of your suit shows an intermediate level responder hand (10-12) and at least 6 hearts.
13	West	North	East	South	♠ KJ2 ♥ AKJ10953 ♦ 72 ♣ 6	<b>4♥</b> You have opening values and your hand can deliver at least 6 tricks in hearts even if partner has no hearts. Partner has opened the bidding so you can confidently bid game in hearts.
14	West	North	East	South	♠ AK43 ♥ AK852 ♦ 5 ♣ QJ3	<b>2♠</b> You have 17 points so are strong enough to show your spades. This bid is known as a <b>reverse</b> .
15	West	North	East	South	♠ AKQ2 ♥ 9 ♦ J8763 ♣ AK2	<b>1♠</b> Your second suit is higher ranking than your first suit, but is not a reverse because it is not a level higher than your first bid, so shows 12-18 points
16	West	North	East	South	♠ AKJ2 ♥ 2 ♦ KJ763 ♣ K92	<b>2♦</b> You have 15 HCP, not enough to reverse by bidding 2♠.