

# The Simple Response

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**Partner opens the bidding in a suit at the one-level. With 6-9 points, you may:**

1. Introduce only one new suit
2. Bid a new suit at the one-level.
  - A new suit at the two-level shows 10+ HCP's.
3. Skip four diamonds to bid a four-card major.
  - This is because if opponents compete, including a preempt, it may become difficult for either you or your partner to find a heart fit.
  - Normally, four card suits are bid up the line and one only skips a four-card suit to bid a five-card suit.
  - With four diamonds and four hearts and ten points, one would respond 1♦ to partner.
4. Give a simple raise to partner with proper support.
  - Partner needs to know you have three-card support.
    - **Delayed support** with a doubleton honour is fine.
  - Even if opponents are competing, which they will do if you have 6-9, do not raise partner with a doubleton, even a doubleton honour.
5. Bid 1 NT as long as:
  - You do not skip a four card major.
  - You have a stopper in the suit RHO bids.
  - You have 8-10 If partner opens 1♣.
  - 1 NT tends to be the garbage bid.
    - The unbid suits need not be stopped, just the opponents' suit.
    - You may not have Notrump distribution.

- You may have a long suit of your own, but cannot bid it at the two-level. (Bid 1 NT first and then rebid your suit given the chance.)

Note: Negative free bids make a new suit at the two-level, 5-11 and not the constructive 10+. In standard, to show a good suit at the two-level, with 5-9 HCP's, one goes through 1 NT first.

6. Give a negative double that forces partner to bid at the one or two-level NOT the three-level. A negative double that forces partner to bid at the three level is 10+.
7. When partner has given a choice of two suits, take it always or nearly always.
8. Rebid your own five-card suit.

With 5 spades and 4 hearts, you do not have the option of bidding 1♠ and rebidding 2♥. That shows 10+ HCP's and a weak hand should not introduce two new suits. Bid 1♠ with the intention of rebidding 2♠.

This can be tricky if partner has given you a choice of two suits and you are two-two. Take the choice. With 1-2 in partner's suit, go out on your own.

Examples: Partner opens 1♣. What do you bid with the following?

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.
♠9874	♠K987	♠9874	♠KQ543	♠J65	♠KQ76	♠J105
♥QJ54	♥QJ54	♥J764	♥9875	♥J73	♥87	♥QJ6
♦K654	♦K654	♥K654	♦76	♦Q43	♦86	♦QJ3
♣J	♣J	♣6	♣85	♣K876	♣K8764	♣K874

Examples: Partner opens 1♦, you reply 1M and then partner rebids 2♣, what do you bid?

H.	I.	J.	K.	L.	M.	N.
♠J8764	♠J9875	♠QJ9874	♠KQ543	♠KJ543	♠KQ76	♠105
♥J654	♥KQJ64	♥764	♥98	♥J2	♥87653	♥KQJ643
♦QJ	♦54	♥54	♦10987	♦Q743	♦8	♦Q43
♣QJ	♣J	♣62	♣85	♣86	♣K82	♣K8

- A. 1♥ B. 1♦ C. P D. 1♠ E. 1♦ F. 1♠ G. 1NT  
 H. 2♦ I. 1♥ then 2♥ J. WJS 2♠ over 1♣ K. 1♠ then 2♦, L. 1♠ then 2♦, M. 1♠ then 2♣ N. 1♥ then 3♥