

Bidding Practice: First Responses (with Answers)

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Instructions: Partner has opened 1Club, RH player passes, enter Response

1. S KQxxx
H xxx
D xx 1S 5 HCPs + 1 for 5th spade = 6
C xxx
2. S QJxx
H Kxxx
D xxx 1H 4 card majors up the line
C Qx
3. S xx
H Jxxx
D Kx 1H need good 10 count to bid at 2-level, bid major
C KQxxx
4. S 10xx
H KQx
D Jxx 1NT shows 6-10 balanced, no 4 card major
C Axxx
5. S KQxx
H xx
D AQxxx 1D with 10+ pts, bid naturally, ie longer suit first, shows spades next
C xx
6. S Qxx
H xxx
D x 2C 6-bad10; shows 5+ clubs, no 4-card major, unbalanced
C A109xxx
7. S x
H Axx
D xxxx 3C limit raise; good10 – 12 dummy pts, 5+ clubs, no 4-card major
C KQ10xx
8. S Kxx
H AJ10
D Kxxx 2NT Shows 11 or 12 HCPs, no 4-card major, balanced
C 10xx

9. S AKQJx
H x
D Axxx 2S Jumpshift showing 17+; note you can support clubs (probably to slam) if
C Kxx partner rebids them
10. S KJx
H Qxx
D AQxx 3NT Balanced 13-15, no 4-card major
C Qxx
11. S KJx
H 10xxx
D Axx 1H Tempting to bid 3NT but must show 4-card major. If no ht fit, 3NT next
C KQx
12. S xxx
H xxx
D x 2C 3HCPs + 3 for singleton = 6 pts, 5+ clubs
C Kxxxxx
13. S Jxxxx
H AKQx
D xx 1S Length over strength; probably bid hearts on next turn
C xx
14. S x
H KQJxx
D AKxxx 1H Bid higher of two 5-card suits; plan to bid diamonds twice showing 5-5
C xx
15. S xxx
H Kxxx
D AJxx 1H With a weak hand (< 10), bypass minor to show major
C xx
16. S x
H xx
D KQJ10 1D You have a game going hand, 3C is a limit raise, not forcing.
C KQJxxx New suit describes hand and is forcing. You can show clubs on next bid.

Score _____ / 16

15-16/16 Fantastic, when can you start teaching?

13-14/16 Very Good, Strong handle on basics

11-12 Okay, work on the areas you got wrong

8-10 Not good enough, you are probably getting bad results due to weak fundamental bidding.

Less than 8 Talk to me about taking Level 2 in January. Check and study Level 1 booklet for missing skills (Absolute beg booklet pgs 12-13, 16)