

Bidding Two-Suited Hands I (Opener)

A key component of our bidding is conveying the distribution of our hand to partner. Usually we first get agreement on the “strain”, i.e., a suit or notrump. Then we assess the level. Auction priorities are to uncover 5-3 or 4-4 fits in a major or stoppers for notrump.

There are specific methods of conveying two-suited hand types to partner. Sometimes we must suppress describing our distribution because our hand is not strong enough to show a higher ranking but shorter suit than our first bid suit. Here are some guidelines.

General Guidelines

- Plan rebid prior to making first bid
- Longer suit first
- Rebid of 1st suit shows 6+ cards (unless no better bid)
- Rebid of 2nd suit shows 5+ cards (and 5+ cards in 1st suit)

Common Exceptions (12-16 Points)

- Bid **♦** first when holding 4 **♦** & 5 **♣**
- Rebid 5 card suit if 2nd suit is higher ranking than 1st suit and NT is unattractive

Examples:

	Your Hand	Open		Your Hand	Open		Your Hand	Open
1.	♠ JT952 ♥ 5 ♦ AKQ43 ♣ QJ	1♠	2.	♠ AQJ3 ♥ T9543 ♦ KT7 ♣ A	1♥	3.	♠ 96754 ♥ AKJT4 ♦ 6 ♣ KQ	1♠
4.	♠ AJT86 ♥ 3 ♦ T4 ♣ AKJ97	1♠	5.	♠ 97 ♥ A8 ♦ QJT4 ♣ KQJT3	1♦	6.	♠ AKJ3 ♥ 976 ♦ A ♣ Q7654	1♣

Quiz 21

You are the dealer. Choose an opening bid (a.), your partner's response is shown in (b.) and fill in (c.) with your rebid.

	Your Hand	Bid	Rebid		Your Hand	Bid	Rebid		Your Hand	Bid	Rebid
1.	♠ 4 ♥ AQJT2 ♦ JT743 ♣ AQ	a. ____ b. 1♠ c. ____		2.	♠ 83 ♥ Q ♦ AK763 ♣ AQJT3	a. ____ b. 1♥ c. ____		3.	♠ 96754 ♥ AT ♦ 6 ♣ AKQ83	a. ____ b. 1NT c. ____	
4.	♠ QJT84 ♥ K7653 ♦ AQ ♣ 7	a. ____ b. 1NT c. ____		5.	♠ K7 ♥ T9 ♦ AJT4 ♣ KQJT3	a. ____ b. 1♠ c. ____		6.	♠ A ♥ 9765 ♦ AQJT93 ♣ Q7	a. ____ b. 1♠ c. ____	
7.	♠ 8 ♥ QJT8 ♦ AQ876 ♣ KJ9	a. ____ b. 2♣ c. ____		8.	♠ AQJT94 ♥ JT32 ♦ 7 ♣ A7	a. ____ b. 1NT c. ____		9.	♠ AKQT ♥ 97653 ♦ AQJ ♣ 7	a. ____ b. 2♣ c. ____	