

Basic Responses: using Standard American

Jump Raises of Minor suit:

NB. Preference for a Major/NT rather than a Minor

1C / 3C shows 10-12 HCP and 5+ clubs

1D / 3D shows 10-12 HCP and 4+ diamonds

NB these are Limit Raises and are non-forcing

NB Count the distribution 5 for void, 3 for singleton, 1 for doubleton

Jump Raises of Major suit:

1H / 3H or 1S / 3S shows 10-12 HCP and 3+ card support

NB Limit Raise and Distribution points!

Jump Shift in Minor or Major suit:

1C / 2D,H,S etc shows 16+ HCP and 5+ strong card suit and no two suiter hand.

Responses to opening bid of 2C:

NB: 2C is a game forcing bid, usually

NB: be clear about Partnership agreement.e.g. 2NT= 20-21 balanced, 2C= 22+ or 19 with 4 losers.

The response: With less than 8 HCP bid 2D; with 8+ HCP bid 5+card suit or 2NT

Responses to 2NT (20-21):

Use Stayman with 3+ HCP and a 4 card Major

Or transfer with 5 card Major or 6 card Minor and 0+ points

NB: many experienced players are now using different responses but it is best to begin with the basics and make your own changes as you develop as a bridge player.