



LESSON 6

Responder's Rebids

Responder's Rebids – the 4th bid of the Auction

Opener's Bid	–	Responder's Bid
Opener's Rebid	–	Responder's Rebid

Choice of suit or NT

- Give preference to one of partner's suits – Major suit if possible
- Bid NT with no fit and strength in the unbid suit(s) (see example below)
- Rebid own 6+ card suit

Choice of level

- After opener's rebid, responder **should** now indicate their actual strength.
- If you bid 1NT, or support at the 2-level, after you have bid other suits:-

You **still show 6-9**

1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 1NT = 6-9

- If you bid 2NT or support at the 3-level, after you have bid other suit(s):-

You **still show 10-12**

1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3♠ = 10-12

- If you bid game after you have changed suit:-

You **now show 13+**

1♣ – 1♥
1♠ – 3NT = 13+

The 4th Bid of the Auction

Opener's Rebid showed	Responder Rebid	
12-15	pass or 1NT or suit preference	6-9
	invite	10-12
	bid Game	13+
16-17	pass or suit preference	6-7
	bid Game	8-9+
18-19	bid Game	6-13
	think Slam	14+

TIP 4: PLAY & DEFENCE

Play of the Hand: Ruffing in Dummy

Extra Tricks by Using Dummy's Trumps

When playing a suit contract, declarer may be able to use the power of the trump suit to trump losers in the dummy.

Whenever dummy has a shortage in a side suit, try and score extra tricks by ruffing with dummy's trumps.

You need to do this before drawing trumps.

Example – A Grand Slam

Contract: 7♠ Lead: ♣Q

<i>Dummy</i>	<i>Declarer</i>
♠ J643	♠ AKQ102
♥ 5	♥ A32
♦ AQ87	♦ K42
♣ K432	♣ A9

You have 11 sure tricks – this is a scary contract – you need 2 more tricks!

Thankfully dummy has a shortage in the heart side suit.

So plan to ruff the two small hearts with trumps in dummy!

Declarer needs to do this while there are still trumps in dummy.

Declarer should win the first trick with ♣A, play ♥A and ruff the small heart with dummy's ♠3. Back to hand with a trump and now ruff the ♥2 with dummy's ♠J. Declarer now draws the opponents' trumps.

Declarer can count 5 spade tricks, 2 small heart ruffs in the dummy, 3 top diamonds, the ♥A and 2 top clubs. This makes 13 tricks – Hallelujah!