

# Beginners' Lesson 4 (Option B): Responder's Limit Bids

**Board 1**  
North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 5  
♥ K J 6 5  
♦ A 8 6 5 3  
♣ A K

♠ K 6 4 2  
♥ A 8 3  
♦ 9 7  
♣ Q J 9 5

N	W	E	S
♠ Q 10 8 7	♠ A J 3	♠ 10 7 2	♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ Q 9 4	♥ 10 7 2	♥ K 4 2	♥ 10 7 6 3
♦ Q J 10	♦ K 4 2	♦ 10 7 6 3	♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ 8 4 2	♣ 10 7 6 3	♣ 10 7 6 3	♣ 10 7 6 3

West: All pass  
Lead: ♣ Q

North: 1♦  
East: Pass  
South: 1NT

South has no support for diamonds so bids 1 NT showing 6-9 HCP. North passes.

The ♣ Q lead is the top of a sequence..

Declarer should play their longest suit (diamonds). They must lose a diamond to make 4 diamond tricks.

**Board 5**  
North Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K Q J 10 9 8  
♥ K 6 3  
♦ A 6 3  
♣ 2

♠ A 6  
♥ 4 2  
♦ Q 7 2  
♣ Q J 9 6 5 4

N	W	E	S
♠ 7 4 2	♠ 7 4 2	♠ A 5 3	♠ 10 9 8 5
♥ A Q J 7	♥ A Q J 7	♥ 10 9 8 5	♥ J 9 5 4
♦ K 10 8	♦ K 10 8	♦ J 9 5 4	♦ K 10 7
♣ A 8 3	♣ A 8 3	♣ K 10 7	♣ K 10 7

West: Pass  
Lead: ♥ 10

North: 1♠  
East: Pass  
South: 3NT

North opens 1♠ and South bids 3NT with an opening hand and fewer than 4 spades. North rebids 4♠ with long spades and a singleton club.

The ♥ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and play hearts, to discard the diamond loser.

**Board 2**  
East Deals  
N-S Vul

♠ K J 7 4  
♥ 3  
♦ A 6 4 3 2  
♣ J 5 3

♠ 8 2  
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2  
♦ K Q  
♣ K 8 6

N	W	E	S
♠ A Q 6 5	♠ A Q 6 5	♠ A 9 8 7	♠ A 9 7
♥ A 9 8 7	♥ A 9 8 7	♥ J 7	♥ J 7
♦ J 7	♦ J 7	♦ J 7	♦ J 7
♣ A 9 7	♣ A 9 7	♣ A 9 7	♣ A 9 7

West: 4♥  
Lead: ♦ 10

North: All pass  
East: 1♥  
South: Pass

East opens 1♥ (the lowest 4-card suit). West bids game in hearts as they have 4 hearts and enough points for game.

The ♦ 10 lead is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps then take spade finesse to capture the ♠ K.

**Board 6**  
East Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ 4  
♥ A 10 6 4  
♦ K 9 5  
♣ K 10 9 5 2

♠ K Q 7  
♥ J 7 5  
♦ Q 10 8 3  
♣ A J 8

N	W	E	S
♠ A 9	♠ A 9	♠ K Q 9 2	♠ A J 7 6 2
♥ K Q 9 2	♥ K Q 9 2	♥ A J 7 6 2	♥ A J 7 6 2
♦ A J 7 6 2	♦ A J 7 6 2	♦ A J 7 6 2	♦ A J 7 6 2
♣ Q 4	♣ Q 4	♣ Q 4	♣ Q 4

West: 3NT  
Lead: ♣ 2

North: All pass  
East: 1♦  
South: Pass

East opens their longest suit and West, with 13+ HCP, bids 3NT.

The small club lead is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer should firstly play diamonds (their longest suit).

**Board 3**  
South Deals  
E-W Vul

♠ A J 9  
♥ J 10 9  
♦ A 4 3  
♣ Q 8 3 2

♠ Q 8 6 4 3  
♥ K 8 7  
♦ 9 8  
♣ J 9 7

N	W	E	S
♠ K 5 2	♠ K 5 2	♠ Q 4 3 2	♠ Q 10 5
♥ Q 4 3 2	♥ Q 4 3 2	♥ Q 10 5	♥ 10 6 4
♦ Q 10 5	♦ Q 10 5	♦ Q 10 5	♦ Q 10 5
♣ 10 6 4	♣ 10 6 4	♣ 10 6 4	♣ 10 6 4

West: Pass  
Lead: ♥ 2

North: 2NT  
East: Pass  
South: 1♦  
3NT

South opens longest their suit. North responds 2NT with 10-12 HCP and no 4-card major. South bids game with 3NT.

The small heart lead by East is from their longest and strongest suit.

Declarer plays their longest suit first (diamonds), then clubs.

**Board 7**  
South Deals  
Both Vul

♠ K J 4  
♥ Q J 10 3 2  
♦ J 9  
♣ Q 6 3

♠ Q 10 9 6  
♥ 9 5  
♦ K 10 5 4  
♣ J 7 2

N	W	E	S
♠ 5 3 2	♠ 5 3 2	♠ 8 6	♠ A 7 3 2
♥ 8 6	♥ 8 6	♥ A 7 3 2	♥ K 9 8 4
♦ A 7 3 2	♦ A 7 3 2	♦ A 7 3 2	♦ K 9 8 4
♣ K 9 8 4	♣ K 9 8 4	♣ K 9 8 4	♣ K 9 8 4

West: Pass  
Lead: ♦ 4

North: 3♥  
East: Pass  
South: 1♥  
4♥

South opens 1♥ and North invites game with 3♥ promising 10-12 and 4+ hearts.

South knows there is enough for game, so accepts the invitation and bids 4♥

The small diamond lead by West is from their longest and strongest suit. Draw trumps first.

**Board 4**  
West Deals  
Both Vul

♠ 10 2  
♥ Q J 6 3  
♦ Q 7  
♣ Q J 10 7 2

♠ A J 8 6 5 4  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ A 9 4  
♣ 3

N	W	E	S
♠ K 7	♠ K 7	♠ 7 4 2	♠ K 8 5 3 2
♥ 7 4 2	♥ 7 4 2	♥ K 8 5 3 2	♥ K 9 8
♦ K 8 5 3 2	♦ K 8 5 3 2	♦ K 9 8	♦ K 9 8
♣ K 9 8	♣ K 9 8	♣ K 9 8	♣ K 9 8

West: 1♠  
Lead: ♣ Q

North: Pass  
East: 1NT  
South: Pass

West opens 1♠ and East, with no fit, bids 1NT showing 6-9 HCP. West prefers spades to notrumps, so now bids 2♠.

Lead is ♣ Q, top of a sequence.

Declarer draws trumps and then plays diamonds (their next longest suit).

**Board 8**  
West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 4 3  
♥ A J 4 2  
♦ K J 10 5  
♣ 8 7

♠ K Q 9  
♥ K 8 3  
♦ 6 2  
♣ J 6 5 4 2

N	W	E	S
♠ 8 7 6 2	♠ 8 7 6 2	♠ Q 5	♠ A 9 7
♥ Q 5	♥ Q 5	♥ A 9 7	♥ A K Q 10
♦ A 9 7	♦ A 9 7	♦ A 9 7	♦ A K Q 10
♣ A K Q 10	♣ A K Q 10	♣ A K Q 10	♣ A K Q 10

West: 2♣  
Lead: ♥ 10

North: Pass  
East: 1♣  
South: Pass

East opens 1♣ and West bids 2♣ with 6-9 and a fit.

East passes with a minimum hand.

♥ 10 is the top of a sequence.

Draw trumps and lead twice towards spade honours in West's hand.