

INTERMEDIATE LESSON 5: STUDENT NOTES

Competing over Opener's 1NT opening

This introduces the convention called Landy and other bids to enable the partnership to compete when the opposition have opened 1NT.

(1NT) - ?

Competing Bids are:

X	(15)16+ HCP, suggests penalties
2♣	Landy - 10-15 HCP at least 5/4 or 4/5 in the majors
2♦ 2♥ 2♠	5+ suit, 10-15 HCP - not a 5332 shape
2NT	5/5 in minors, 10-15 HCP
3♣	6+ clubs, 10-15 HCP (good suit)
3♦ 3♥ 3♠	(6)7+ suit, pre-emptive

Responding to Partner's Double

Pass - unless you have 0-4(5) HCP and a 5+ card suit

Example hands and bidding

1. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ QJ8 ♥ JT63 ♦ Q74 ♣ 863	1NT	X	Pass	Pass
	<i>West showing tolerance for penalising North or nothing to bid</i>			

2. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ T98 ♥ JT8632 ♦ Q74 ♣ 8	1NT	X	Pass	2♥
	<i>East should not bid on</i>			

Responding to Partner's 2♣

- 2♦ equal length in both majors - partner will now rebid their longer major
- 2♥ 2♠ preference for that major
- 3♥ 3♠ invitational, 11-13 HCP
- 4♥ 4♠ game values, 14+ HCP
- 2NT invitational, 11-13 HCP, no major interest
- 3NT game values, 14+ HCP, no major interest

Example hands and bidding

3. South	Bidding			
♠ QJ ♥ JT ♦ Q974 ♣ 98632	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
	1NT	2♣	Pass	2♦
	<i>Equal length in the majors which allows North to choose their best major</i>			

4. South	Bidding			
♠ A98 ♥ JT86 ♦ QJ74 ♣ 83	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
	1NT	2♣	Pass	2♥
	<i>South prefers Hearts to Spades</i>			

5. South	Bidding			
♠ AJ98 ♥ 86 ♦ AQJ74 ♣ 83	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
	1NT	2♣	Pass	3♠
	<i>South showing an invitational hand in Spades</i>			

6. South	Bidding			
♠ KJ985 ♥ 8 ♦ AKQ74 ♣ 85	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
	1NT	2♣	Pass	4♠
	<i>South wants to be in game</i>			

7. South	Bidding			
♠ J85 ♥ 87 ♦ AKJ74 ♣ KQJ	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
	1NT	2♣	Pass	3NT
	<i>Partner may only have 4 Spades. South is safe to bid 3NT with the minors well held.</i>			

Responding to Partner's 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

pass	0-10 HCP
3♦ 3♥ 3♠	invitational raise, 11-13 HCP and a fit in partner's suit
new suit	game interest (one round force), 12+ HCP and a good 5+ suit
4♥ 4♠	game values, 14+ HCP and a fit in partner's suit
2NT	invitational, 11-13 HCP, no fit if partner has overcalled a major
3NT	game values, 14+ HCP, no fit if partner has overcalled a major

Example hands and bidding

8. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ J85 ♥ 87 ♦ AJ742 ♣ QJ8	1NT	2♥	Pass	Pass
	<i>Showing 0-10. A new suit would be forcing, so cannot bid 3♦</i>			

9. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ AJ8 ♥ 86 ♦ T83 ♣ AQ874	1NT	2♠	Pass	3♠
	<i>Support for Partner and invitational</i>			

Responding to Partner's 2NT (Minors)

3♣ 3♦	0-10 HCP, preference
3♥ 3♠	GF, 12+ HCP and a good 6+ suit
3NT	game values, 14+ HCP, honours in both majors
4♣ 4♦	invitational, 11-13 HCP, good 4+ support
5♣ 5♦	game values, 14+ HCP, good 4+ support

Example hands and bidding

10. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ KJ985 ♥ QT5 ♦ 874 ♣ K5	1NT	2NT	Pass	3♦
	<i>Bidding 2♠ would be a forcing bid. South is not interested in game, so just shows their preferred minor</i>			

11. South	Bidding			
	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♠ A853 ♥ 72 ♦ K42 ♣ KQJ3	1NT	2NT	Pass	4♣
	<i>South is showing an invitational hand in Clubs</i>			

Responding to Partner's 3♣ (10-15 HCP and a good 6+ suit)

pass	0-10 HCP
new suit	GF, 11+ HCP and a good 6+ suit
5♣	game values, 14+ HCP and a fit
3NT	game values, 14+ HCP

Example hands and bidding

12. South	Bidding			
♠ AQJ532	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♥ 72	1NT	3♣	Pass	3♠
♦ Q42	<i>3♠ is forcing and should be a 6-card suit. North can bid to Game in Spades, 3NT or their Clubs again if they are short in Spades and Hearts</i>			
♣ K3				

13. South	Bidding			
♠ A92	West	North (Partner)	East	South (You)
♥ KJT7	1NT	3♦	Pass	3NT
♦ J63	<i>Whilst South has support in Diamond, they have enough points and holds in the Majors to bid 3NT</i>			
♣ KQ2				