

Responding to a 1NT Opening

1) 2♣ this will be covered in a later lesson

2) 2♦ : 2♥ :
2♠ A '**weak take out**' says "Partner I do not have a balanced hand but I have 6 of this suit (or a very good 5 card suit) and you must have at least 2 of that suit"

RESPONSE - Pass

Ex (a)

♠ QJx	}	1NT	♠ xx	}	2♥
♥ Kxx		♥ AQxxxx			
♦ Axxx		♦ xx			
♣ Qxx		♣ Kxx			

Ex (b)

♠ Jxx	}	1NT	♠ AQxxxx	}	2♠
♥ AKQx		♥ xx			
♦ xxx		♦ KJx			
♣ Jxx		♣ xx			

3) 2NT this says "Partner I have 11-12 points but no 5/6 card suit. If you have 14 points bid 3NT

Ex (c)

♠ QJx	}	1NT	♠ Kxxx	}	2NT	Opener does not have 14 points so passes
♥ Kx		♥ AQx				
♦ Axxx		♦ Qx				
♣ Qxxx		♣ Jxxx				

Ex (d)

♠ QJx	}	1NT	♠ Kxxx	}	2NT	Opener 14 points so between them they have 25/26 points so bids 3NT
♥ Kx		♥ AQx				
♦ Axxx		♦ Qx				
♣ Axxx		♣ Jxxx				

4) 3NT" this says "Partner I have at least 14 points and a **balanced** hand. As you have 12-14 points we can make 3NT

Ex (e)

♠ QJx	}	1NT	♠ Kxxx	}	3NT	Opener has 14 points so between them they have 25/26 points so bids 3NT
♥ Kx		♥ AQx				
♦ Axxx		♦ Qx				
♣ Axxx		♣ Kxxx				