

## Bidding No-Trump (NT)

Opening 1 NT is easy to figure out; responding to your partner's 1 NT opener isn't so easy (and you become the Captain of the hand). Review the requirements of both actions in the tables below

Opener's Requirements for 1NT	Responder's Requirements to a 1NT opener
16 – 18 High Card Points (HCP)	Do you have points for game? 9+ required then bid 3NT
At least 2 cards in every suit	Do I want to be in NT or a Major? What is the shape of your hand?
NO good five card major suit	Do I have points for slam? (16 HCP)
You can count the 5 <sup>th</sup> card in a suit as a HCP	Do I have points to invite (7 or 8 HCP)
	If you have < 7HCP can you get partner out of NT with a 5 card suit? Bid 2♦, 2♥ or 2♠

Exercise 6-1: Your partner has bid 1NT. What is your response?

#1	Answer	#2	Answer	#3	Answer	#4	Answer
♠ Axx		♠ Axx		♠ Axx		♠ Axx	
♥ Kxx		♥ KJx		♥ xxx		♥ Kxx	
♦ Qxx		♦ xxx		♦ Qxx		♦ Qxx	
♣ xxxx		♣ xxxx		♣ xxxx		♣ AKx	

When Partner opens 1NT and you have a 5 card Major and 9+ HCP, respond with a 3♥ (or 3♠) bid. Partner will decide whether to stay in NT or bid your Major suit if he has 3+ (Golden fit). With a 6 card Major, bid 4♥ (or 4♠). You have the Golden fit because Partner's 1NT bid has promised 2 in every suit.

Exercise 6.-2: Your partner has bid 1NT. What is your response?

#1	Answer	#2	Answer	#3	Answer
♠ AQxxx		♠ AQxxxx		♠ Ax	
♥ xx		♥ xx		♥ QJxxx	
♦ Kxx		♦ Kxx		♦ Kxxx	
♣ xxx		♣ xx		♣ xx	

With under 7 points pass unless you have a 5+ card suit (bid 2 of that suit). This is a GET OUT OF NO TRUMP bid (*Drop Dead bid*). Partner must pass

Exercise 6-3: Your partner has bid 1NT. What is your response?

#1	Answer	#2	Answer	#3	Answer
♠ Kxx		♠ xxx		♠ Kxx	
♥ Qxx		♥ xx		♥ Qxx	
♦ Axxxxx		♦ Axxxx		♦ Axxx	
♣ x		♣ xxx		♣ Kxx	