EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 1
North Deals
None Vul

	♠ A Q 10 8 5 ♥ A 7 3 ♦ Q 9 6 ♣ 5 2	
♠ J 9 4 ♥ Q 10 6 ♦ K 10 5 ♣ K 7 6 4	N W E S	♠ 6 ♥ J 8 5 4 2 ♦ A J 8 4 ♣ Q J 10
12 **9 9** **10**	♠ K 7 3 2 ♥ K 9 ♦ 7 3 2 ♣ A 9 8 3	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
All pass			

3 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ Q

When North opens 1 ♠, South's bid of 3 ♠ promises a fit and 10-12 points. North has a minimum hand and knows that the partnership does not have enough points for game - therefore, passes.

North can make the contract by ruffing a heart in the South hand.

EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 2
East Deals
N-S Vul

	♠ J 9 ♥ 5 4 ♦ K 7 5 4 3 ♣ Q J 6 5	
♠ 7 5 3 ♥ A Q 9 8 ♦ 9 6 2 ♣ 9 8 7	N W E S	♠ A K Q 2 ♥ K 10 7 6 3 ♦ A 8 ♣ K 3
7 **6 19** **8**	♠ 10 8 6 4 ♥ J 2 ♦ Q J 10 ♣ A 10 4 2	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

4 ♥ by East
Lead: ♦ Q

East has a strong two-suited hand and opens their longest suit, 1 ♥. With 6 points and a four-card heart suit, West raises to 2 ♥ showing 6-9 points. East, with 19 points, knows the combined hands have enough points for game and bids 4 ♥.

East can make 10 tricks by ruffing a spade in the West hand.

EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 3
South Deals
E-W Vul

	♠ K J 7 6 ♥ J 4 3 2 ♦ A K 9 ♣ 8 3	
♠ 9 4 ♥ 10 9 5 ♦ J 10 7 3 ♣ A K 10 6	N W E S	♠ 2 ♥ K Q 8 7 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ J 9 7 5
12 **8 8** **12**	♠ A Q 10 8 5 3 ♥ A 6 ♦ 6 2 ♣ Q 4 2	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

4 ♠ by South
Lead: ♣ A

North is delighted when South opens 1 ♠. Not only has the partnership got a fit in spades but they have enough points for game. North can add an extra point for the doubleton club too. So, North responds by bidding 4 ♠.

South can make an extra trick by ruffing a club (if necessary) in the North hand where the trumps are shorter. Note that ruffing a diamond in the South hand where the trumps are longer does not generate an extra trick.

EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 4
West Deals
Both Vul

	♠ 9 7 6 4 ♥ 4 3 ♦ A 10 5 ♣ K Q J 5	
♠ Q J 10 ♥ Q J 10 6 2 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A 4 3	N W E S	♠ 8 3 2 ♥ A K 9 5 ♦ 8 7 6 4 ♣ 6 2
10 **12 7** **11**	♠ A K 5 ♥ 8 7 ♦ K J 9 3 ♣ 10 9 8 7	

West	*North*	*East*	*South*
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♥	All pass

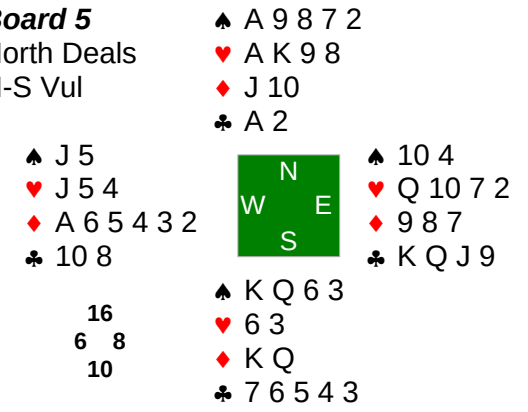
2 ♥ by West
Lead: ♣ K

West, with a five-card heart suit and a balanced hand of fewer than 15 points, opens 1 ♥. Although East has four hearts their hand is weak and can offer no more than a 2 ♥ response.

West has five trump tricks, a club, and a spade. The eighth trick can be made by ruffing a club.

EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 5
North Deals
N-S Vul



West	*North*	*East*	*South*
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	All pass	

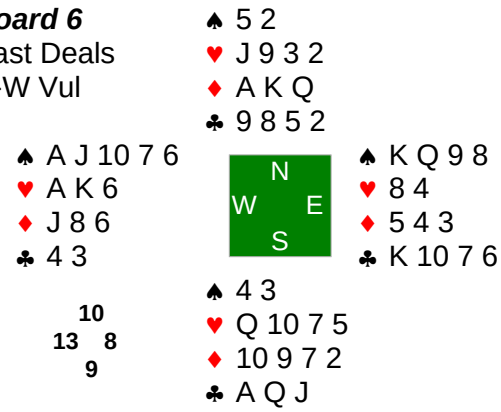
4 ♠ by North
Lead: ♣ K

North opens 1 ♠ (not 1 NT - despite having16 points, this hand is not balanced due to the two doubletons). South's 3 ♠ response promises three+ spades and 10-12 points. North knows that the partnership has enough points for game and bids 4 ♠.

North can make 11 tricks by ruffing both heart losers in the South hand.

EBED Bronze Lesson 2 - Responding to1M opening with fit

Board 6
East Deals
E-W Vul



West	*North*	*East*	*South*
		Pass	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	All pass

2 ♠ by West
Lead: ♦ A

With a balanced hand and 13 points, West should open 1 ♠ showing 12-19 points; the hand is not strong enough to open 1 NT.

North leads the ♦ A and cashes two more diamonds. Declarer has seven top tricks, and can make an eighth by ruffing a heart in dummy.