

<p>1)      <u>You</u>                  <u>Partner</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">   1♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AJ73                  ♥ 3                  ♦ 986                  ♣ K10932</p>	<p>2)      <u>You</u>                  <u>Partner</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">   1♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AJ73                  ♥ 3                  ♦ 986                  ♣ AKJ102</p>
<p>Your partner opened the bidding with 1♥ and you hold both of the above hands. What is your response. Note that the hand distribution is identical, but the strength is different.</p>	

<p>3)      <u>You</u>                  <u>Partner</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1♠                                  2♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AJ873                  ♥ 5                  ♦ AQ765                  ♣ 76</p>	<p>4)      <u>You</u>                  <u>Partner</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">1♠                                  2♥</p> <p style="text-align: center;">?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">♠ AKJ73                  ♥ 5                  ♦ AKQ65                  ♣ 76</p>
<p>On each of the above two hands, you opened 1♠ and your partner responded 2♥ and it is now your second bid. Again, you have the same distribution, but different strength.</p>	

**Answers:**

1)	<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>	2)	<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
	?	1♥		?	1♥
	♠ AJ73			♠ AJ73	
	♥ 3			♥ 3	
	♦ 986			♦ 986	
	♣ K10932			♣ AKJ102	

With the first hand respond 1♠. You are not strong enough to bid 2♣ and then reverse into 2♠, which is game forcing and showing 13+ points. With the second hand, same distribution, you have the strength to first respond 2♣, showing 10+ points and forcing, and then reverse into 2♠ with your next bid, showing 5+ clubs and 4 spades.

3)	<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>	4)	<u>You</u>	<u>Partner</u>
	1♠	2♥		1♠	2♥
	?			?	
	♠ AJ873			♠ AKJ73	
	♥ 5			♥ 5	
	♦ AQ765			♦ AKQ65	
	♣ 76			♣ 76	

With the first hand, your hand value is approximately 13 points (a minimum) and a new bid at the 3-level, is a reverse promising a much stronger hand than what you have. This is one of the rare occasions when you should bid rebid your 5-card suit. Bid 2♠. If you get another chance you can show your diamonds, having already limited your values. With hand #2, you have 17+ points, so can bid a new suit at the three level. Bid 3♦, showing at least 5-spades and 4-diamonds and a big hand.