

# ♥ Strong Openings



What do you open with the following hands?

ANSWERS AND NOTES

(1) ♠ K Q 3  
♥ A J 9 8  
♦ K 7  
♣ A K 4

**2NT - show your balanced 20-22**

(2) ♠ A K Q J 6  
♥ A K J 6 3  
♦ A 8  
♣ 4

**2♣ - you have 20+ and want to go to game. Bid spades with your next bid.**

(3) ♠ A K 3  
♥ K Q 7 6  
♦ Q 10 8 6 5  
♣ A Q 3

**2NT - a balanced 20-22. You can have a 5-card minor in a balanced hand**

(4) ♠ Q 9 5 3  
♥ K Q 9 6  
♦ A J 4  
♣ A K

**1♥ - you are not strong enough to open at the 2-level**

Partner opens 2♣ - what is your response?

(5) ♠ Q 8  
♥ K J 3 2  
♦ J 7 5 3  
♣ K 4

**2NT - showing a balanced hand and 8+ hcp. If you bid 2♥, you show a 5-card suit.**

(6) ♠ 9 8  
♥ A Q 9 7 4 2  
♦ 9 5 3  
♣ 10 2

**2♦ - you have less than 8 hcp so you can't bid hearts yet. Tell partner that you have a weak hand. Bid hearts at your next turn**

Partner opens 2NT - what is your response?

(7) ♠ J 8 7 4 3 2  
♥ 7 6 5  
♦ A J 7  
♣ 6 5

**4♠ . You have enough for game after partner has shown - 20-22. You also have a fit as partner must have at least two spades.**

(8) ♠ A 6 2  
♥ J 10 4 2  
♦ 9 8 7  
♣ 8 7 4

**3NT - Balanced and enough for game.**