

Opener's First Bid

♣ Hand Evaluation

Look at the top cards in each suit so that you can describe the quality of your hand to your partner. HCP= high card points

Ace = 4 HCP

King = 3 HCP

Queen = 2 HCP

Jack = 1 HCP



There are 14 HCP in this hand

♠ AK987 This is how bridge hands
♥ AKT86 are written. It is the same
♦ 52 hand as the one above.
♣ 4

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The first person to make a bid (other than pass) is called the opener. You should have at least 12 HCP to open the bidding. Start with your longest suit -

"Length before Strength".

1♣, 1♦, 1♥, 1♠ opening bids

- 12-19 hcp
- Open your longest suit
- Open the lower of two 4-card suits
- Open the higher of two 5-card suits

♥ Quiz

1. How many HCP in these hands?

(a)

♠ 76

♥ AQ98

♦ AQ76

♣ AK6

(b)

♠ Q32

♥ KJ876

♦ Q76

♣ A6

2. What do you open with these hands?

(a)

♠ AK98

♥ Q986

♦ 54

♣ AQ4

(b)

♠ AK982

♥ Q9876

♦ 5

♣ K4

(c)

♠ 92

♥ Q9

♦ AKJ875

♣ AQ4

(d)

♠ K9

♥ Q76

♦ A765

♣ AQ42

(e)

♠ AKQ2

♥ A98

♦ 5

♣ T9876

(f)

♠ AK92

♥ K432

♦ 5

♣ AQ42