

Responses w/o Opening points

Most of the time when your partner opens, you will not have opening points it's just mathematical probability. There are 40 points total minus the 13 of the opener, that leaves 27 points divided the 3 other hands, which is 9 pts each. If you get to add a few points for distribution, you still come up short of 13. These are responses to 1 in a suit openings.

Less than 6 points:

Pass.

6 to 9 points:

- Partner Opened 1 in a Major Suit
 - Without support for partners opening suit (honor and 2 others-major, 5 card minor)
 - Bid a 5 card spade suit at 1 level
 - Bid 1NT (if you are not a passed hand because of 2/1 this is forcing for one round) opener has to bid again
 - With support (honor and two others) bid partners suit at 2 level
- Partner Opened 1 in a Minor Suit
 - Show 4 card or longer Major suit
 - Show longest first regardless of strength
 - If even, show hearts before spades
 - Bid 1NT (this is NEVER a forcing bid after a minor opening)
 - With 5 card support (and I would recommend at least two honors) bid partner's suit at the two level.
 - If partner opened a club, show 5 card diamond suit at 1 level

10 to 12 points:

- Partner Opened 1 Spade
 - Without support for partners opening suit (honor and 2 others)
 - You CAN'T bid any new suit at 2 level (2/1 GF saying opening points)
 - Bid 1NT (if you are not a passed hand because of 2/1 this is forcing for one round) opener has to bid again
 - Bid 2NT (balance hand closer to the 12 point end)
 - With support (honor and two others) bid partners suit jump raise to 3 level

- Partner Opened 1 Heart
 - Without support for partners opening suit (honor and 2 others)
 - You CAN'T bid any new suit at 2 level (2/1 GF saying opening points) and bidding 2♣ promises 18+ points in Standard American
 - Bid 1NT (if you are not a passed hand because of 2/1 this is forcing for one round) opener has to bid again
 - Bid 2NT (balance hand closer to the 12 point end)
 - With support (honor and two others) bid partners suit jump raise to 3 level
- Partner Opened a Minor
 - Show 4 card or longer Major suit
 - Show longest first regardless of strength
 - If even, show hearts before spades
 - Bid 2NT
 - With 5 card support (and I would recommend at least two honors) bid partner's suit at the two level. [Inverted Minors](#) work well with 2/1 GF
 - If partner opened a club, show 5 card diamond suit at 1 level
 - If partner opened a diamond, you CAN'T bid 2♣ (2/1 GF opening points)