

Lesson 8 Quiz – Answers
Overcalls

Sometimes, you must “think outside the box” in order to compete.

RHO's Bid	Your hand:	Your bid:
1♠	<p align="center">Game #1</p> <p>High Card Points? 11 + 1 for length</p>	2♥ You have enough pts to overcall at the 2 Level.
1♥		Pass. The opponent bid your suit. Not suitable for a double.
1♦		1♥. An overcall at the 1 level.
1♣		1♥. An overcall at the 1 level.
1♠	<p align="center">Game #2</p> <p>High Card Points? 13 + 1 for length</p>	2♣. Double could be considered, but usually you should have 4 cards in the other major to double.
1♥		2♣
1♦		2♣
1♣		Pass. Opponent bid your suit.
1♠	<p align="center">Game #3</p> <p>High Card Points? 15</p>	Double, 1NT or Pass? Even with a spade stopper, 1NT overcall may be dangerous with just 1 club. If partner bids clubs, a 2NT rebid might be safe, though perhaps too high. Other option is to pass and hope to defeat the contract.
1♥		
1♦		
1♣		
1♠	<p align="center">Game #4</p> <p>High Card Points? 14 + 2 for length</p>	2♥ Does not have a strong heart suit, but 6 hearts and opening pts.
1♥		Pass. Opponent bid your suit. Some may double and hope for a spade bid from partner, taking a chance.
1♦		1♥. A simple overcall at the 1 level.
1♣		1♥. A simple overcall at the 1 level.
1♠	<p align="center">Game #5</p> <p>High Card Points? 8 + 1 for length</p>	Pass. Not enough pts or high cards in clubs to bid at 2 Level. Some aggressive players may overcall 2♣ (but not if opponent bid 1♣).
1♥		
1♦		
1♣		
1♠	<p align="center">Game #6</p> <p>High Card Points? 10 + 1 for length</p>	2♥
1♥		Pass. Opponent bid your suit.
1♦		1♥
1♣		1♥

RHO's bid	Your hand:	Your bid?
1♠	<p>QJ6Q1053KQJ985</p> <p>Game #7</p> <p>High Card Points? 11 + 2 for length</p>	2♦. (Partner might think you have 4 hearts if you double.)
1♥		2♦.
1♦		Pass. Opponent bid your suit.
1♣		1♦.
1♠	<p>KJ96A108J54A109</p> <p>Game #8</p> <p>High Card Points? 13</p>	Pass. Some may "Double." Not quite following the rules, but might be worth it.
1♥		
1♦		
1♣		
1♠	<p>8542AK952A762</p> <p>Game #9</p> <p>High Card Points? 11 + 1 for length</p>	2♣
1♥		2♣
1♦		2♣
1♣		Pass. Opponent bid your suit.
1♠	<p>KQJ9342A102542</p> <p>Game #10</p> <p>High Card Points? 10 + 1 for length</p>	Pass. Unfortunately, opponent bid your suit.
1♥		1♠, an easy overcall decision.
1♦		1♠, an easy overcall.
1♣		1♠, an easy overcall.
1♠	<p>98321075AKAK96</p> <p>Game #11</p> <p>High Card Points? 14</p>	Pass. Diamonds are weak, but your hand is almost too strong to pass.
1♥		Double. Take a chance!
1♦		Pass
1♣		Pass
1♠	<p>AK85J10867KJ42</p> <p>Game #12</p> <p>High Card Points? 12</p>	Pass
1♥		Pass
1♦		Double. (Perfect double!)
1♣		Pass