

**Esther "Pop" Quiz #0026:
"You Open 1S or 1H, Partner Gives You a
'Constructive' Raise, Should You Bid to Game, or
Stop?: The 'Rule of 5'"**

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Esther recognizes that when you as Dealer Open with a 1-level bid in a Major, and Partner gives a "constructive" response showing 3+ card support, and 8-10 HCPs, Responder has "limited" his Hand, and it can be difficult to ascertain whether it is best as Dealer then to continue bidding, perhaps directly to Game, or instead stop. Therefore, she is a very big fan of, and recommends, the quite useful "Rule of 5".

What would you bid as Dealer, after opening 1H, Opponents at each turn PASS, and Partner responds 2H, for each of the following Hands?

- 1. You hold the following Hand, which open by bidding 1H, because you deem the Hand too strong to open 1NT, and too weak to open 2NT or 2C:*

YOU (19)

S: A K 7

H: A K T 8 6

D: K Q 3

C: T 7

Partner responds 2H. Do you PASS, bid 3H, or 4H?

2. You hold the following Hand, which open by bidding 1**H**:

YOU (14)

S: K 9 6

H: A K T 8 6

D: Q J 5

C: J 8

Partner responds 2**H**. Do you PASS, bid 3**H**, or 4**H**?

3. You hold the following Hand, which open by bidding 1**H**:

YOU (17)

S: A

H: A K T 8 6 4

D: K Q 3

C: J T 9

Partner responds 2**H**. Do you PASS, bid 3**H**, or 4**H**?

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