

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 7 6 4

♥ J 7 2

♦ 9 2

♣ A 8 4 3

15
7 14
4

West

Pass

1 ♦ by North

♠ K 10 5 2

♥ 10

♦ A Q J 10

♣ K Q 7 2



♠ J 8 3

♥ K 8 6 5 4

♦ 6 4 3

♣ 10 9

North

1 ♦

East

Pass

South

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your turn. Decide what you would say, then on "" above.

You have 14 points but so what. You have no 5-card suit to Overcall. You cannot make a Takeout Double with 4 of their suit. So you pass. It is important to realize that there are hands you would open but cannot overcall with.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6

♥ 8 4

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 10 9 3 2

10
8 12
10

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 5



♠ 10 9 2

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ Q J 7

♣ 8 6

North

3 ♥

East

1 ♣

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With four trumps and 12 points you have a text-book raise to 3 ♥. Partner had a minimum overcall though, so he passed.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 8
♥ 10 9 6
♦ Q 9 2
♣ K Q J 10

11
12 10
7

West

1 ♣

Pass

2 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9
♥ A Q J 7 5
♦ A 8 7 5
♣ 6 5



♠ A 7 4 3
♥ K 8 3
♦ 6 3
♣ 9 8 4 3

North

1 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

With 12 points and a good suit you have a very solid overcall so you bid 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say?

Partner is showing 6-10 points and three trumps. Your hand revalues to 14 at most so you pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

7
10 13
10

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

North

Pass

♠ 4 3

♥ A 10 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ A J 10 2

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

1 ♠

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You really don't like partner's ♠s, and you do have 8 points. But 8 points is not enough to be considering game, and you would have to bid your ♥s at the 2-level. All things considered it is better to pass while you still aren't doubled.

Deal 5

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 5 4 3

♣ K Q

9
14 8
9

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by North

♠ 10 9

♥ K Q J 7 5 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ J 7 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ A 10 2

♣ 10 3

North

2 ♥

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You overcall 2 ♥ and hear partner raise you to 3 ♥. What do you say now?

No matter how many times you check this hand you cannot revalue it any more than 13 points. Since partner has T at the most you reluctantly pass.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

6
8 13
13

West

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2



♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

North

2 ♠

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With only 7 points you might not think you have enough to make a "free bid". But in competitive bidding situations like these, where both sides have a fit, bidding is usually better than passing. So you bid 2 ♠.

You might look at the Law of Total Tricks lesson for more on this subject.