

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 6  
♥ A 7 5 3  
♦ 10 8 3 2  
♣ 9 6

15  
9 8  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 7 5  
♥ J 8  
♦ A Q 6  
♣ Q J 7 4

♠ 10 8 4 3  
♥ K 4  
♦ J 9 7  
♣ A 10 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 NT by North			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K 10 3

♦ A 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 2

8  
7 8  
17

♠ K J 10 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4

W N E S

♠ A 9 8

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ Q 8

♠ Q 4  
♥ A Q 8  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣ A 10 9 3West      North      East      South  
              Pass      Pass      1 NTPass      2 ♥      Pass      2 ♠  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT

Pass      Pass      Pass

3 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid?

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

**♠ A 6 2**  
**♥ 8 7 5**  
**♦ A K Q**  
**♣ A 10 9 8**

**♠ K Q 8 4****♥ K 9 3****♦ 10 8 4 2****♣ 6 5**

	N		
W		E	
	S		

**♠ J 10 7 5**  
**♥ A 4**  
**♦ J 9 6**  
**♣ J 7 3 2**

**♠ 9 3**  
**♥ Q J 10 6 2**  
**♦ 7 5 3**  
**♣ K Q 4**

**8<sup>17</sup>**  
**8 7**

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
 What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say  
 2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of 4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♠s.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 2  
♥ K Q J 9 3  
♦ K 8  
♣ Q 9 5 4 2

♠ A K 9 7 5 3

♥ 8 4 2

♦ 5 3

♣ 7 6

♠ Q 10 8 4  
♥ 10 6  
♦ J 10 9 6 4  
♣ A 10

♠ J 6  
♥ A 7 5  
♦ A Q 7 2  
♣ K J 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid?

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

8<sup>17</sup>  
8  
7

♠ A 6  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ K Q J 2  
♣ A K 9 8



♠ K J 10 5  
♥ Q J  
♦ 10 7 5 4  
♣ J 3 2

♠ 8 7 3  
♥ A K 10 8 7 2  
♦ 9 3  
♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4 ♥.