

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3

♥ Q J 10 7 6

♦ 9 3

♣ K J 3

5
7 8
20

♠ K Q 10 7 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 10 8 7 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A J 8

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ A Q 9

♠ 6 5

♥ A 4

♦ K J 10 8 6 2

♣ 6 5 4

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

2 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by North

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7

8
7 10
15

West

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 9 5 3

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 6

♥ A J 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ Q 8 6 4

North

Pass

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

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

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

Deal 3

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 6 5 4
 ♥ 10 8 6 3
 ♦ A 6
 ♣ A 7 6

17
 8 6
 9

♠ A Q 2

♥ A 9 7

♦ Q 8 3

♣ K Q 10 4



♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

♠ J 10 8

♥ J 5 4

♦ K J 5 2

♣ 9 8 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 2

♥ J 10 9 8 7

♦ 5 2

♣ J 8 2

12

5 7

16

West

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 7 3

♥ A K 2

♦ K 10 9 4

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ A Q 10

♥ Q 6

♦ A J 7 3

♣ K 10 9 6

North

3 NT

East

Pass

South

1 NT

Pass

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

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.