

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A K Q J
None Vul	♥ A J 10 7
	♦ A 5
	♣ K Q 10

♠ 10 9 8 4 2	♠ 6 5 3
♥ 6 4 2	♥ 3
♦ J 2	♦ 10 9 8 6 3
♣ A 5 4	♣ J 7 6 2



♠ 7	
24	♥ K Q 9 8 5
5 1	♦ K Q 7 4
10	♣ 9 8 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, so you bid 5 ♣. Partner bids the ♥ slam.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

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

20
 4 5
11

♠ K 10
 ♥ A K 9 8 4
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ K Q 6

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ J 10 5 3

♠ A Q J 7 5 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ 8 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

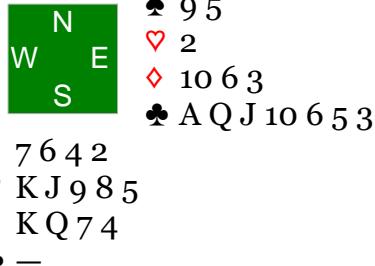
Your partner has shown a minimum opening hand, but with 6 ♠s. You are happy with the 8-card trump fit but need to know about Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner has two Aces and the ♠ Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6 ♠.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K 9 8 4 2

♠ A K Q J
 ♥ A Q 10 4 3
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 7



<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♣
Pass	7 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
7 ♥ by South			

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6♣. Partner goes all the way to 7♥.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 10 7 4 3 2



♠ K 6 5 2
 ♥ A Q 7 4
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ A Q

18
5 2
15

♠ A 10 9 7
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ Q J 10 3
 ♣ K J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

5 ♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.