

**Deal 1**East Deals  
None Vul

♠ 7 4 3 2  
 ♥ Q 6 5 2  
 ♦ 9 6 5 3  
 ♣ 8

5  
 2 11  
 22

♠ 8 6 5  
 ♥ 7 4 3  
 ♦ K Q 7 4 2  
 ♣ 5 2



♠ A J 10  
 ♥ J 10 9  
 ♦ 8  
 ♣ K Q 10 6 4 3

♠ K Q 9  
 ♥ A K 8  
 ♦ A J 10  
 ♣ A J 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	Dbl
Pass	1♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

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

You double and partner responds 1♦. What do you bid next?

The pattern continues. Overcall 1 NT with 15-18. Double, then bid notrump with 19-20. Double then jump in notrump with 21-22. So you jump to 2 NT. Partner puts it to 3 NT.

**Deal 2**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
**14** 4  
 4

♠ A K 10 3  
 ♥ AJ 8 2  
 ♦ A Q 6  
 ♣ 8 3



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

♠ Q 9 6 5  
 ♥ Q 4 3  
 ♦ 8 5 2  
 ♣ 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	<b>2♠</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			
<b>2♠ by South</b>			

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

You have no choice. You absolutely may not pass. So you say **1♠**. Partner now bids **2♠**. What do you say?

Partner obviously has a good hand. Your response showed 0-8 points and he still found enough strength to invite you to bid game. However, with your 4-point square hand you must decline the invitation.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 8

♥ A K Q 10 9 6 4

♦ A 9 7 2

♣ —

**18**  
**13** **2**  
**7**

♠ A K J 3

♥ 5 2

♦ K Q 10 6

♣ K Q 5

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



♠ Q 9 6 5

♥ 8 7 3

♦ 8 4

♣ A J 9 6

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Dbl	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by South			

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

With 7 points you must make a minimum response. Even though ♣s is your best suit you should prefer to show a 4-card Major. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner raises to 2 ♠ and it is your turn to bid.

Your first response showed 0-8 points. Knowing that, partner still invited you to go on if you were at the high end of the range. With 7 HCP and a doubleton you are right at the maximum for your bid, so you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

**♠ K Q J 10 8 6 3**  
**♥ Q J 7**  
**♦ 5**  
**♣ Q 10**

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

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

**14**  
**11 5**  
**10**  
**♠ A 5 4**  
**♥ K 10 6 4**  
**♦ Q J 9 8**  
**♣ 8 3**

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Dbl	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

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

Your hand falls in the 9-11 point mid-range response where you make a jump bid. With two decent suits you naturally choose the Major and bid 3 ♥. Partner raises you to game.