

**Deal 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

17  
 8 7  
 8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West      North      East      South  
 Pass      1 NT      Pass      2 ♦  
 Pass      2 ♥      Pass      2 NT  
 Pass      4 ♥      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 2**  
 East Deals  
 None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ 2

7  
 7  
 11 15

♦ K 8

♣ Q 9 5 4 2

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
 2 ♥      Pass      2 ♠      Pass  
 3 ♠      Pass      Pass      Pass  
 3 ♠ by East

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 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

8 7 8  
 17

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West      North      East      South  
     1 NT

Pass      2 ♦  
 Pass      3 ♥  
 Pass      Pass

4 ♥ by South

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 ♥.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
17 9  
6

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 10 9 8 7 3  
♥ K Q 10  
♦ A 4  
♣ 10 7 3

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

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

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

You say 2 ♠ and partner rebids 2 NT.  
What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit.  
He is inviting you to choose a game if you have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose 3 NT.