

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



♠ 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

North Deals

None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 9 5 3

10
8 15
7

West

Pass

1 NT by East

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2



♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7

North

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

South

Pass

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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8
♥ J 5 4
♦ K J 5 2
♣ 9 8 2

9
6 8
17

♠ K 9 3
♥ K Q 2
♦ 10 9 7 4
♣ J 5 3



♠ A Q 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ Q 8 3
♣ K Q 10 4

♠ 7 6 5 4
♥ 10 8 6 3
♦ A 6
♣ A 7 6

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| | | | 1 NT |
| 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?

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

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 6
♦ A J 7 3
♣ K 10 9 6

5
16 12
7

West

1 NT

Pass

3 NT by West

♠ K 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ 5 2
♣ J 8 2



♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 4

North

Pass

Pass

East

3 NT

South

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.