

**Deal 1**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K Q J  
♥ A J 10 7  
♦ A 5  
♣ K Q 10

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



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

24  
5 1  
10

♠ 7  
♥ K Q 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ 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 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



♠ 9 6 2  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ J 10 5 3

20  
4 5  
11

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
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 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

21  
3 7  
9

♠ 7 6 4 2  
♥ K J 9 8 5  
♦ K Q 7 4  
♣ —

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
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

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

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



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

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

18  
5 2  
15

West	North	East	South
			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.