

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ K J 4
None Vul	♥ A 8
	♦ Q J 7 3
	♣ A Q 10 8
♠ 10 9 7 6 3	♠ 8
♥ 5 4 3	♥ J 7 2
♦ A K 4	♦ 8 6 5 2
♣ 4 3	♣ K J 6 5 2
¹⁷ 7 5 11	♠ A Q 5 2 ♥ K Q 10 9 6 ♦ 10 9 ♣ 9 7



West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

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

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3 NT.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7
♥ Q J 10
♦ A K 9 5
♣ K J 9 4

8
17 9
6

♠ A 10 9
♥ 6 4 2
♦ 10 6 4
♣ A 5 3 2

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♠ Q 2
♥ K 9 7 5 3
♦ Q 7 3
♣ Q 10 6

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3
♥ A 8
♦ J 8 2
♣ 8 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
4 ♥ by East			

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

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.
What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ 10 9 7 5
♣ K 9 8 6 2

8
7 5
20

♠ Q J 7 6 3
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ 4 2
♣ Q 5



♠ 10 9 5 4 2
♥ 6 5 4
♦ A J 6
♣ 4 3

♠ A K
♥ Q J 9
♦ K Q 8 3
♣ A J 10 7

West North East South

2 NT

Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

With a balanced 20 points you open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What do you bid?

Stayman applies after a 2 NT opening, just one level higher. With no 4-card Major you bid 3 ♦. Partner next bids 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner is showing 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. In neither case would you have the 8-card fit you need. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 10 5
 ♥ A Q J 9
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ K Q

4
21
 7
 8

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♠ Q 9 6 3
 ♥ K 5
 ♦ Q 8 7 5
 ♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 7
 ♥ 8 6 4 3 2
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A 8 6 5 3

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

You open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣.
 What do you bid?

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid 3 ♥. Partner puts you in 3 NT. What do you do? Pass or bid?

You certainly do not pass. Partner's Stayman bid tells you he has a 4-card Major suit. His 3 NT bid tells you the suit was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit must be ♠s. So you convert the 3 NT bid to 4 ♠.

If you want to make yourself happy you use Stayman, just imagine playing 3 NT after a ♣ lead!