

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 7 2**♥ 8 3****♦ 7 5****♣ 10 8 7 2****♠ 9 4 3****♥ Q J 10 7 6****♦ 9 3****♣ K J 3****5
7 8
20**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
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 2North Deals
None Vul

♠ K 9 8 3
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ 9 5 3

10
 8 15
 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	1 NT	Pass
1 NT by East			

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

	N
W	E
S	

♠ A 6
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ Q 8 6 4

♠ J 10 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ K J 7

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

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ A Q 10
♥ Q 6
♦ A J 7 3
♣ K 10 9 6

16 **5**
12 **7**

West *North* *East* *South*
1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Pass Pass
3 NT by West

♠ K 5 2
♥ J 10 9 8 7
♦ 5 2
♣ J 8 2

N
W E
S

♠ 7 3
♥ A K 2
♦ K 10 9 4
♣ Q 7 5 3

♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 4

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.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ A 6 2

♦ Q 8 2

♣ Q J 2

♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 9

♦ J 7

♣ A 10 9 7



♠ K 8 4

♥ J 8 4 3

♦ 5 3

♣ K 5 4 3

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

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

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

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3 NT.

Deal 6East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q J 5
♥ K 6
♦ A Q 7 4
♣ K J 10 7

16 4
15 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
4 NT	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 NT by East			

♠ 10 9 8 2

♥ 10 5 2

♦ 10 9 5

♣ A 9 2

N
W
E
S

♠ A 7 4 3
♥ A J 9
♦ K J 2
♣ Q 6 3

♠ K 6
♥ Q 8 7 4 3
♦ 8 6 3
♣ 8 5 4

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

With partner's 15, 16 or 17 points added to your 16 the total assets are 31, 32 or 33. That's only one chance in 3 of having the points you need for slam. On the other hand you have a pretty good 16. So you bid 4 NT, inviting partner to bid the slam. He will pass if he has only 15, so the worst thing that can happen is that he puts you in slam with only 32 points.

So you bid 4 NT and guess what? He passes.