

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2
 ♥ A J 2
 ♦ 10 5 3
 ♣ A J 7 4

12
 11 10
 7

West

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 8 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

Deal 2

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

11
10 7
12

West

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 4 3

♥ K 10 6 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9 3



♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ J 7 4

♣ A K 5

North

2 ♠

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

3 ♥

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s,
11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones
minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥,
which partner passes.

Deal 3

West Deals
None Vul

♠ 5 2
♥ A J 9 4 2
♦ J 9 2
♣ A Q 10

10
12 6
12

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

♠ A K 10 9 4
♥ 8 5 3
♦ 6 5 3
♣ K 9



♠ Q J 8 6
♥ 7
♦ A K Q 4
♣ 8 6 3 2

♠ 7 3
♥ K Q 10 6
♦ 10 8 7
♣ J 7 5 4

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3



♠ 5 3

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 2

♥ 8

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 5

11
10 0
19

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.