

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 2
♥ J 7 5 2
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ Q 6 4

13
9 6
12

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ J 8 6 5 4
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 8
♣ K 7 3 2

♠ A 7
♥ K 9
♦ K J 9 7 4
♣ J 10 8 5

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

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have great ♦ support and perhaps 15 points. The "perhaps" is because partner may have only 3 ♦s, and if you are the long-trump hand any ruffs you take will probably not increase the number of trump tricks your side makes. But still, you have a great hand.

So you bid 3 ♦. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

You described your hand very well with your first bid. Partner heard the description and chose 3 NT. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 3
♥ K 9
♦ A 8 3
♣ Q 9 7 5

10
16 **6**
8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

3♠ by East

♠ Q 4
♥ 8 6 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ A J 10

N
W E
S

♠ J 9 8 5
♥ Q 7 4
♦ 10 5
♣ K 8 6 2

♠ 10 7 2
♥ A J 10
♦ K 7 6 4 2
♣ 4 3

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You must make a weak response, and in theory there are 3 weak responses you could make with this hand. You could bid 2♣, 1♠ or 1 NT. And while none of them would be actually incorrect the best choice is to show your 4-card Major.

You bid 1♠. Partner jumps to 3♠. What do you say now?

You started with just 6 points, and after discovering the ♠ fit you revalue all the way up to 7 points. Partner has shown 16-18 and that's still not enough for game. You pass.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4

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5 9
9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ Q J

♠ K Q J 7 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 7
♣ K 7 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ 10 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Your top priority as responder is to show a Major suit if you have one, so you say 1 ♥. Partner jumps to 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner knows you may have only 6 points and went to the 3-level anyway. He is inviting you to bid game if you have a bit more than the 6 you promised. You revalue up to T so you have quite a bit more. You accept his invitation and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K J 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 7

4
 15 14
 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♠ by West			

♠ 2

♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2

♣ 5 4 3

W	N	E	S
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♠ Q 10 8 6
 ♥ —
 ♦ K Q J 10
 ♣ K Q J 10 8

♠ A 7 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 6 2

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have a very big hand. But there is no need to start jumping before you know whether you have a fit. So just bid 1 ♠, partner cannot pass this bid.

Partner now surprises you with a jump to 3 ♠!. What do you bid next?

Wow! Partner has 16 and you have more than that. Slam appears certain, by why not check for Aces? So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♣. What do you say next?

You probably say "Oh Darn!" or perhaps something less printable. But then you just sign off at 5 ♠.

Deal 5North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 8 7 3
 ♥ 10 4 2
 ♦ 7 2
 ♣ A 10 8 6

18
 6 8
 8

♠ 9
 ♥ A K 8
 ♦ A J 10 6 4
 ♣ K Q J 2

N
W E S

♠ A J 5 4 2
 ♥ Q J 9 6 3
 ♦ 8
 ♣ 5 3

♠ K 10 6
 ♥ 7 5
 ♦ K Q 9 5 3
 ♣ 9 7 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♦ by North

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

That is great support, but always remember when supporting a Minor that partner might have only 3 of them. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner jumps to 4 ♦. What do you bid?

You were cautious with your first bid, but that is over now. Partner didn't open with a 3-card suit, he really has ♦s. He bypassed 3 NT in a flash, so he has no interest in playing anywhere but a ♦ contract. He invites you to bid game if you have something extra above the 6 points you already promised. You have a lot more than that, so you bid 5 ♦.