

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 3

♥ K 9

♦ A 8 3

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ 10 7 2

♥ A J 10

♦ K 7 6 4 2

♣ 4 3

W	N
S	E

♠ Q 4

♥ 8 6 5 3 2

♦ Q J 9

♣ A J 10

16

8 10

6

♠ J 9 8 5

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 5

♣ K 8 6 2

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

Pass

3 ♠ by South

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 2**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A 9 3  
 ♥ A 10 8 3  
 ♦ K Q J 6  
 ♣ Q J  
 ♠ 10 2  
 ♥ J 5 2  
 ♦ 8 4 3 2  
 ♣ A 9 5 4



♠ 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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	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 3**

North Deals  
None Vul

♠ 2  
♥ 10 8 3 2  
♦ A 7 5 3 2  
♣ 5 4 3

**14**  
**4** 7  
**15**

♠ Q 10 8 6

♥ —

♦ K Q J 10

♣ K Q J 10 8

W N E S

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

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

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

5 ♠ by South

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 4**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 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

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

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 ♦.