

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K 9 8 4 2

9
 7 3
 21

♠ A K Q J
 ♥ A Q 10 4 3
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♥ by North

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6 ♣. Partner goes all the way to 7 ♥.

Deal 2

South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 5 2
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ K 8 6
♣ A Q

♠ J
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ 10 7 4 3 2



♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ 8 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 9 8 6 5

18
5 2
15

♠ A 10 9 7
♥ K J 10
♦ Q J 10 3
♣ K J

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.

Deal 3

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 4 2

♥ 4 3 2

♦ 10 8 2

♣ 4 3

17
 0 4
 19

♠ 9 7

♥ A K 9 6

♦ A Q 9 7 4

♣ A 5



♠ A K Q J 3

♥ 10 8 7 5

♦ K

♣ K Q J

♠ 6

♥ Q J

♦ J 6 5 3

♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6♥ by North			

Your 2♥ bid is a Reverse, showing 17+ points.

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that South has implicitly agreed to ♥s. So you respond 5♣, showing 4 Key-Cards, three Aces and the ♥K. Partner next bids 5♦. What do you say?

5♦ is the Queen Ask. Partner obviously is thinking about a Grand Slam and wants to know whether you hold the trump Queen (♥Q). Since you do not have the card you return to the agreed trump suit at the lowest level - which is 5♥. Partner now bids 6♥.

Deal 4

North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

18
4 2
16

West	North	East	South
	1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 NT by South			

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K

♣ A 3 2



♠ K 7

♥ Q J 3

♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5

♣ K

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9

♣ J 10 9 6 4

The bidding has been as shown. Yes, you could have jump-shifted on your first bid. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Slam in ♥s is almost certain, but you should check for Key-Cards. You bid 4 NT and partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid next?

Partner shows 1 or 4 Key-cards. Since he jumped on the second round you figure it must be 4. So you have all the Key-Cards. Time to find out about the other Kings, so you bid 5 NT. Partner replies 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has 1 King, the only one left, the ♦ K. You can count about 17 high-card tricks available so you bid 7 NT.

Deal 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

15
 7 7
 11

West

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ K Q J 8 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A K Q 6



♠ —
 ♥ A 10 9 6
 ♦ K Q J 7 4
 ♣ J 10 8 3

North

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

6 ♥

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 8 3
 ♣ 9 7

Your 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, agreeing ♥s as trump, and showing opening hand strength with a singleton or void in ♠s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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You have one Key-Card, the ♥ A. You also have a ♠ void, but since bidding 6 ♠ would take you above the 6 ♥ level you just respond 6 ♥. Partner will deduce that your void is in ♠s, particularly because you Splintered in that suit. Partner passes your 6 ♥ bid.