

Deal 1
West Deals
None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
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♠ 7 4 3 2
♥ Q 6 5 2
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ 8

♠ 8 6 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ K Q 7 4 2
♣ 5 2

West North East South
1♣ Dbl Pass 1♦
Pass 2 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 double and partner responds 1♦. What do you bid next?

The pattern continues. Overcall 1 NT with 15-18. Double, then bid notrump with 19-20. Double then jump in notrump with 21-22. So you jump to 2 NT. Partner puts it to 3 NT.

Deal 2

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8 7
♥ K 10 5
♦ K 10 7 4
♣ A K 10

18
14 4
4

♠ A K 10 3
♥ AJ 8 2
♦ A Q 6
♣ 8 3



♠ 4 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ J 9 3
♣ Q J 9 5 2

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 8 5 2
♣ 7 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1♦	Dbl	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2♠ by South			

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

You have no choice. You absolutely may not pass. So you say 1♠. Partner now bids 2♠. What do you say?

Partner obviously has a good hand. Your response showed 0-8 points and he still found enough strength to invite you to bid game. However, with your 4-point square hand you must decline the invitation.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ J
 ♦ J 5 3
 ♣ 10 8 7 4 3 2

7
 2 13
 18

♠ Q 9 6 5
 ♥ 8 7 3
 ♦ 8 4
 ♣ A J 9 6

N
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♠ 10 8
 ♥ A K Q 10 9 6 4
 ♦ A 9 7 2
 ♣ —

♠ A K J 3
 ♥ 5 2
 ♦ K Q 10 6
 ♣ K Q 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Dbl
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

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

With 7 points you must make a minimum response. Even though ♣s is your best suit you should prefer to show a 4-card Major. So you bid 1 ♠. Partner raises to 2 ♠ and it is your turn to bid.

Your first response showed 0-8 points. Knowing that, partner still invited you to go on if you were at the high end of the range. With 7 HCP and a doubleton you are right at the maximum for your bid, so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4West Deals
None Vul

♠ K Q J 10 8 6 3
♥ Q J 7
♦ 5
♣ Q 10

♠ 9
♥ A 9 3 2
♦ K 10 6 3
♣ A K 7 5

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 7 2
♥ 8 5
♦ A 7 4 2
♣ J 9 6 4 2

14
11 5
10
♠ A 5 4
♥ K 10 6 4
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ 8 3

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

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

Your hand falls in the 9-11 point mid-range response where you make a jump bid. With two decent suits you naturally choose the Major and bid 3 ♥. Partner raises you to game.