

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K 9 8 4 2

21
3 7
9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♥ by South

♠ A K Q J
♥ A Q 10 4 3
♦ A J 8
♣ 7



♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ K J 9 8 5
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ —

North

2♣

4NT

7♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2♥

6♣

Pass

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

The 4NT 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

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 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



♠ 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 4 3

19
4 0
17

♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

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

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

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that North 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

South Deals

None Vul

♠ —

♥ A 10 9 6

♦ K Q J 7 4

♣ J 10 8 3

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2

♥ 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 7



♠ A Q J

♥ 5 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 2

♣ 5 4 2

11
7 7
15

♠ 10 8 6

♥ K Q J 8 3

♦ 10

♣ A K Q 6

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♠

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

4 NT
Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

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.