

Deal 1

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4 3 2
♥ J 8 3
♦ A 5 4
♣ 8 6 3 2

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5 3
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♠ K J
♥ K Q 9
♦ K 10 7 3
♣ A J 7 4

	N		♠ 9 8 6
W		E	♥ 10 7 6 5 2
	S		♦ Q J 2
			♣ 10 9

♠ A Q 10 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ 9 8 6
♣ K Q 5

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

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 16 points you have to be thinking about slam. But first things first, start the transfer process by bidding 2 ♥.

What is your next bid after partner's 2 ♠?

With 16 points you want to make an invitation to slam, but you also need to let partner know that you only have 5 ♠s so that he can play notrump when he only has a doubleton ♠.

The BEST way to say both these things is to bid 4 NT. This is similar to the 2 NT bid in Deal 2.

But you can see the problem with the bid - if partner mistakes it for Blackwood 4 NT things could get very confused. So

don't use this unless you know both of you are on the same wavelength.

Here both partners understood the bid and North bid 6 NT.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5
♥ K Q 8 7 4
♦ 10 9 3
♣ 8 7 4

9
5 20
6

♠ A J 9 8	♦ 7 5 2	♣ A 3 2
♥ 9 6 5		
	♦ A J 3	
	♦ A K 6 4	
	♣ K Q J 10	
	♠ K 10 6 4 3	
	♥ 10 2	
	♦ Q J 8	
	♣ 9 6 5	

West	North	East	South
		2 NT	Pass
♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by East			

East opens 2 NT showing a balanced 20-21 point hand. What do you respond?

Jacoby Transfers work fine with 2 NT openings also. You should bid 3♦ as a transfer to ♥s. Partner complies by saying 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You bid 3 NT which tells partner you have just 5 ♥s and lets him decide on which game to play.

On this Deal partner has 3 ♥s so he bids on to 4 ♥.

Notice that when partner opens 2 NT the invitation to game option is no longer available. As responder you must decide immediately whether to stop short of game (by transferring then passing) or to go to game. This is not a serious problem since the tighter (20-21) point range makes responder's decision easier to make.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 8 4 3
 ♥ K 4
 ♦ J 9 7
 ♣ A 10 5 2

8
 8 9
 15

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 9 2
 ♥ Q 10 9 6 2
 ♦ K 5 4
 ♣ K 8 3

♠ A J 6
 ♥ A 7 5 3
 ♦ 10 8 3 2
 ♣ 9 6

West	North	East	South
			1 NT

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 2 ♥
 Pass 2 NT Pass Pass

2 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.
 What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

Deal 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 4
♥ A Q 8
♦ K Q 10 5
♣ A 10 9 3

17 7
8 8



♠ A 9 8
♥ J 7 5 4 2
♦ J 7 3
♣ Q 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

♠ 7 5 2
♥ K 10 3
♦ A 6 4
♣ 7 6 5 2

♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ 9 6
♦ 9 8 2
♣ K J 4

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.
What do you bid?

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.