

Deal 1

South Deals	♠ 9 7 5
None Vul	♥ Q 7 3 2
	♦ 5 4 3
	♣ A K 4
♠ K Q J 10 6	♠ 8 3 2
♥ 6 4	♥ 10 5
♦ J 10 6	♦ A K Q 9
♣ Q 3 2	♣ J 10 9 7

N
W E
S

9	♠ A 4
9 10	♥ A K J 9 8
12	♦ 8 7 2
	♣ 8 6 5

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♥ by South			

You dealt the hand. Decide what you would say, then on BID in the bidding section above.

With 13 points and a nice 5-card Major suit you open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say next?

You say pass. You have a minimum opening hand and partner has 6-10 points so no game is available.

Deal 2

South Deals	♠ 9 6 3
None Vul	♥ Q 7 5 2
	♦ K 4
	♣ K 8 7 4
♠ Q 2	♠ K J 10 8 7 5
♥ 6 4 3	♥ J
♦ Q J 9 8 3	♦ 10 6 5
♣ A 6 2	♣ 10 9 3



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

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

Nice hand. 19 points and a good 5-card Major. You open 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What is your next bid?

You revalue to 20 points (doubleton ♠) and partner has between 6 and T. So, 26 to 30 is the total. Game should be there, but slam is out of reach. So you bid 4 ♥.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 9 8 7 2
 ♥ K 8 3
 ♦ A Q J
 ♣ Q 6 4

♠ 5
 ♥ 10 9 6 5 4 2
 ♦ K 6 5 4
 ♣ A 8



♠ A 4 3
 ♥ Q J 7
 ♦ 10 3
 ♣ 10 9 7 3 2

♠ K Q J 10 6

12
 7 7
 14
 ♣ K J 5

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

With 15 points and a 5-card Major you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you say?

Your 15 points gets revalued to 16/17 for the singleton. Add partner's T-12 and you have enough for game. So you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 4

East Deals	♠ K 7 4 2
None Vul	♥ Q 8
	♦ A 6 5 3
	♣ K 9 4
♠ Q 10 9	♠ J
♥ A 10 9 6 2	W N E S
♦ 10 9	♥ K 7 5 3
♣ 8 7 3	♦ K Q 8 4

♠ A 8 6 5 3
♥ J 4
♦ J 7 2
♣ A Q 6

12	6 10	12	
West	North	East	South
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 ♠ by South			

With 13 points you open 1♠. Partner responds 3♠. What do you say now?

Figure partner for 11-12 points. You have 13 but could revalue to 14 with the doubleton ♥. But the truth is that your points are not very good ones. You should pass.

Deal 5

South Deals	♠ A 7 3
None Vul	♥ A 7 3
	♦ Q 5
	♣ Q J 5 4 3
♠ Q 10 8 6	♠ K J 4
♥ Q 5 2	♥ 9
♦ A 10 9	♦ J 8 6 4 3
♣ 9 7 2	♣ K 10 8 6



♠ 9 5 2
♥ K J 10 8 6 4
♦ K 7 2
♣ A

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 2 ♣, showing at least 11 points. You dealt this hand. What do you bid?

Partner's bid forces you to bid again. You have a bare-minimum hand, but at least you have a 6-card suit which you can rebid. You say 2 ♥ and partner raises to 4 ♥.

Deal 6North Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 9
♥ K 10
♦ Q 9 8 6 3
♣ K 10 8 6

12
10 **11**
 7

♠ A K 6 5
♥ J 9 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3



♠ 10 3 2
♥ A Q 3 2
♦ A J 10
♣ 9 7 4

♠ J 8 7 4
♥ 7 5
♦ K 5 4
♣ Q J 5 2

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

You open 1 ♥ and partner responds 1 ♠. It is your bid again.

You have good ♠ support but you must tell partner of your minimum hand. So you bid 2 ♠ and he passes.

Deal 7
North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ 9 7
♦ A J 10 9 5
♣ J 10 9 5

15
7 8
10

♠ A 10 6 5
♥ A K 8 6 4
♦ 7 2
♣ A 3

Deal 8North Deals
None Vul

♠ J 8
♥ K 8 2
♦ 6 5 4 2
♣ A 9 5 3

12
8 5
15

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K Q 9 7 3
♥ A 10 9 5
♦ Q J 3
♣ 10

♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ J 6 4 3
♦ A 8
♣ 7 4 2

♠ A 4
♥ Q 7
♦ K 10 9 7
♣ K Q J 8 6

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

Of course you open 1 ♠. Partner responds 2 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner has shown at least 11 points and you are forced to bid again. Since the ♥'s rank below ♠'s you can bid them with your minimum hand. Apparently that is just what partner wanted to hear since he jumps to 3 NT which you happily pass.

Deal 9
North Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9 7 5 3
♥ Q J 10 5
♦ K Q J
♣ 7

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



♠ 6 2
♥ K 9 7 3
♦ A 8 4
♣ A 9 8 3

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

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

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

Deal 10

South Deals
None Vul

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

9		♠ A K 10 7 5 3
6	10	♥ Q J 5
15		♦ K Q 10

♣ 7

W	N
S	E

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

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

Deal 11

South Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 6 4 3
♦ Q 10 9 6
♣ 10 5

♠ A 10 2
♥ K 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3
♣ A 9 7



♠ K J 9 8 7 3
♥ —
♦ J 2
♣ 8 6 4 3 2

♠ 6
11
4 5
20
♦ A K 8 5
♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♥ by South

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

Deal 12

South Deals
None Vul

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



6	♠ K 5
9	♥ A K Q 7 5
6	♦ K 6 3
19	♣ A 10 8

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

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.

Deal 13	♠ 8		
South Deals	♥ Q 9 8 5 3		
None Vul	♦ K J 8 5		
	♣ 8 6 4		
♠ A Q J 10 9 3	♠ K 6 5		
♥ —	♥ A J 6		
♦ 7	♦ 10 9 6 3 2		
♣ A J 10 7 5 2	♣ Q 9		
	♠ 7 4 2		
6	♥ K 10 7 4 2		
12 10	♦ A Q 4		
12	♣ K 3		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

When you have a weak, distributional hand with 5 of partner's suit an immediate jump to game is usually the best approach. If he has a good hand you will probably make the contract. If he is minimum then you might get a preemptive effect and stop your LHO from entering the bidding.

This is a good example. Partner may be lucky and make 4 ♥. But if they had had an opportunity to compete the opponents might well be able to make 4 ♠.

Deal 14

South Deals	♠ A K 9 7 2
None Vul	♥ Q 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ 10 6 5

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

9	♠ 3
7 9	♥ A K J 8 7 3
15	♦ A Q J 3
	♣ 7 3

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

You can't support partner's ♥s with only 2 of them so you bid your nice ♠ suit. Partner then jumps to 3 ♥. Now what do you bid?

Here's where a lot of players go wrong. Since they only promised 4 ♠s with their first response they think they should now rebid them to show partner they had 5. And this MIGHT work if it turns out partner has 3 ♠s. Not only is this a risky bid, it is unnecessary. When partner jump rebid ♥s he showed 16-18 points and 6 ♥s. So you know of an 8-card fit and you know you should be in game. Bid 4 ♥.

Deal 15

South Deals	♠ K J 7 2
None Vul	♥ 8 5
	♦ 7 4 2
	♣ A K Q 5

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



♠ A Q 10 9 3

13
6 5
16

♦ K Q J 3

♣ 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠
ALL	Pass		
6 ♠ by South			

As soon as partner opens 1 ♠ you know you will settle for nothing less than the ♠ game. The problem with bidding 4 ♠ right now is that partner will take you for the "weak-distributional-with-five-trumps" hand. So you temporize by first bidding 2 ♣. Partner rebids 2 ♦. What do you say now?

You now jump to 4 ♠, completing the picture of an opening hand with good ♠ support. Partner bids 4 NT. What say you?

This is Blackwood so you answer 5 ♦ for one Ace. Partner says 6 ♠.

Deal 16
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

9	♠ 7 5
10	♥ A K 10 7 6 4
14	♦ K J
	♣ Q J 10

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			



You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

Deal 17

North Deals	♠ A 9 6 2
None Vul	♥ A K J 7 4
	♦ 10 5
	♣ 7 3
♠ 7	♠ J 5 4 3
♥ 9 8 3 2	W N E
♦ A K 8 4 3 2	S
♣ Q 8	♦ 10 5

12	♠ K Q 10 8
9 5	♥ Q 6
14	♦ Q J 9 6
	♣ A 9 6

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

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

Deal 18

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ J 7 6
	♦ Q J 7 6
	♣ 9 6

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



♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ K Q
♦ K 10 5
♣ A J 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

With 4-card support you respond 2♠. Partner raises to 3♠. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid 4♠.

Deal 19

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ J 7 6
	♦ J 7 6
	♣ 9 6 5

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

7	♠ A 10 9 7 5
9 9	♥ K Q
15	♦ A 3

♣ Q 10 4 3	♠ 4
W N E S	♥ 8 4 3 2
	♦ K Q 9 8 2
	♣ A 8 2

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠

Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

Deal 20
South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 3
♥ Q 10 6
♦ K Q 10 3
♣ 9 6 5 4
♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5
♥ 8
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 8 3
7
7 10
16
♣ 10

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

N
W E
S

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

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.
Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.