

**Deal 1**

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

♠ 9 7

♥ A K 9 6

♦ A Q 9 7 4

♣ A 5

19  
4 0  
17

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 2**

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 3**

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.

**Deal 4**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 2  
♥ 9 7 6  
♦ K 10 9 6 4  
♣ Q 9 6 3



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

10  
5 8  
17

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

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 ♠ by South			

Partner's 4 ♦ bid is a Splinter Bid. It shows opening hand strength, at least 4-card ♠ support, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Normally you would not ask for Key-Cards with this ♦ holding. But since you know partner has at most a singleton, and that it is not the singleton ♦ A, you are safe to do so. You say 4 NT, partner replies 6 ♦. What next?

WOW! Partner has one Key-Card and a ♦ void. So the Key-Card is the ♠ A. You don't know what the rest of partner's hand is, but he can surely take care of that small ♣. You bid 7 ♠.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 6 3

♥ Q J 5 3 2

♦ J 5

♣ 6 5 3

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5 3

10

♠ A Q 5

♥ 4

♦ A K 10 8 6 3

♣ A K Q



♠ K 8 7

♥ A 10 6

♦ Q 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8

♠ 10 9 4 2

♥ K 9 8 7

♦ 2

♣ 9 7 4 2

West	North	East	South
	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♦	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	7 NT	ALL	Pass
7 NT by South			

Your 2 NT response shows 8+ points, with no 5-card biddable suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4 NT. What is your next bid?

With ♦s as trump you have 1 Key-Card, the ♥ A. You answer 5 ♣ and partner bids 5 ♥. What is your bid?

This is the Queen Ask, wanting to know if you hold the ♦ Q. Since you do have it you should bid a suit in which you hold a King. So you bid 5 ♠. That spurred partner on - he was fishing for 7 ♦ but when you told him you had the ♦ Q, ♥ A and ♠ K he was able to bid 7 NT.

**Deal 6**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ A J 10 6 4 3  
♥ —  
♦ 10 8 7 4 2  
♣ 7 4



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

22  
5 7  
6

♠ —  
♥ K Q 10 8 6 3 2  
♦ 5 3  
♣ J 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♥
ALL	Pass		
6 ♥ by South			

Partner's 2 ♥ is a positive response, 8+ points with a 5+ card suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Even though it is tempting, bidding RKCB now would be a mistake because of your doubleton ♠ loser. Instead just support the ♥s. Partner cannot pass, you both know you are forced to game. In fact, partner bids 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner promises first round ♠ control so NOW you can bid RCKB. When you bid 4 NT partner answers 6 ♥. This shows 1 Key-Card and a void in a suit higher than ♥s. Knowing you are missing either the ♦ A or ♥ K you pass.