

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 8 5 4 2
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ 10 8 2
 ♣ 4 3

17
 0 4
 19

♠ 9 7

♥ A K 9 6

♦ A Q 9 7 4

♣ A 5



♠ 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

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

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

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

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6 3

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K

♣ A 3 2

2
18 16
4

West

1 ♥

3 ♥

5 ♣

6 ♦

Pass

7 NT by East

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9

♣ J 10 9 6 4



♠ Q 9 5

♥ 10 7

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ Q 8 7 5

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♦

4 NT

5 NT

7 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 3

♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5

♣ K

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

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

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

♠ 7
 ♥ J 5 3 2
 ♦ A Q J 3 2
 ♣ 8 7 4

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

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 ♠.