

**Deal 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

♠ K Q 8 4 ♥ K 9 3 ♦ 10 8 4 2 ♣ 6 5	♠ A 6 2 ♥ 8 7 5 ♦ A K Q ♣ A 10 9 8
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♠ 9 3 ♥ Q J 10 6 2 ♦ 7 5 3 ♣ K Q 4	♠ 17 8 7 8
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West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

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 do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of 4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♠s.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ J 6  
11 7                    ♥ A 7 5  
15 7                    ♦ A Q 7 2  
♣ K J 8 3

W N  
S E

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

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

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

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>17</sup>  
 8 8  
 7



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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
8 6  
17

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♠ 10 9 8 7 3  
♥ K Q 10  
♦ A 4  
♣ 10 7 3

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

♠ A 6  
♥ 9 6 5  
♦ K Q J 2  
♣ A K 9 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 South

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

You say 2 ♠ and partner rebids 2 NT.  
What do you bid?

Partner has 9 points and a 5-card ♠ suit.  
He is inviting you to choose a game if you have maximum.

Since you have 17 points you accept the invitation, but with only 2 ♠s you choose 3 NT.