

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

19
4 0
17

♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

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

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2

♥ 7

♦ A 8 3

♣ 9 7

11
7 7
15

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ —

♥ A 10 9 6

♦ K Q J 7 4

♣ J 10 8 3

♠ 10 8 6

♥ K Q J 8 3

♦ 10

♣ A K Q 6

North

3 ♠

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

South

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass



♠ A Q J

♥ 5 4 2

♦ 9 6 5 2

♣ 5 4 2

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

♠ 2
 ♥ 9 7 6
 ♦ K 10 9 6 4
 ♣ Q 9 6 3

10
 5 8
 17

West

North

East

South

Pass

4♦

Pass

4NT

Pass

6♦

Pass

7♠

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♠ by South

♠ A 10 8 4 3

♥ Q 10 8 4

♦ —

♣ K J 10 2



♠ K Q J 9 6 5

♥ A K

♦ 8 7 5

♣ A 5

♠ 7

♥ J 5 3 2

♦ A Q J 3 2

♣ 8 7 4

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 4NT, 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♠.