

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



♠ 10 8 3
 ♥ 7 6
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K 9 8 4 2

9
 7 3
 21

♠ A K Q J
 ♥ A Q 10 4 3
 ♦ A J 8
 ♣ 7

West North East South

Pass 2♥ Pass 2♣
 Pass 6♣ Pass 4NT
 Pass Pass Pass 7♥

7♥ by North

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid?

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6♣. Partner goes all the way to 7♥.

Deal 2

East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 5 2
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ K 8 6
♣ A Q

2
18 15
5

West
2 ♣
4 NT
5 ♦
Pass
5 ♠ by East

♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ 8 6
♦ 9 7 4
♣ 9 8 6 5



♠ J
♥ 9 5 3 2
♦ A 5 2
♣ 10 7 4 3 2

North

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

East

1 NT
2 ♠
5 ♣
5 ♠
Pass

South

Pass
Pass
Pass
Pass

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.

Deal 3

East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ Q J
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

19
4 0
17

♠ A K Q J 3
♥ 10 8 7 5
♦ K
♣ K Q J



♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

♠ 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 4 3

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 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 3

♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5

♣ K

♠ Q 9 5

♥ 10 7

♦ 6 4 3 2

♣ Q 8 7 5



♠ A 6 3

♥ A K 9 8 6 5

♦ K

♣ A 3 2

♠ J 10 8 4 2

♥ 4 2

♦ 9

♣ J 10 9 6 4

4
16 18
2

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 West			

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 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q J
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

15
 7 7
 11

West

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

♠ 10 8 6
 ♥ K Q J 8 3
 ♦ 10
 ♣ A K Q 6



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

North

1 ♥

4 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

6 ♥

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.