

Deal 1

North Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 6
♥ A 7 5 3
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ 9 6

15
9 8
8

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

♠ K Q 7 5
♥ J 8
♦ A Q 6
♣ Q J 7 4



♠ 10 8 4 3
♥ K 4
♦ J 9 7
♣ A 10 5 2

♠ 9 2
♥ Q 10 9 6 2
♦ K 5 4
♣ K 8 3

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

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

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 don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 10 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4

8
8 17
7

West

2 ♥

2 NT

Pass

3 NT by East

♠ A 9 8

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ Q 8



♠ 7 5 2

♥ K 10 3

♦ A 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 2

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

1 NT

2 ♠

3 NT

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes
back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

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
don't. He is asking you to bid game if you
have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 3

South Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 5
♥ A 4
♦ J 9 6
♣ J 7 3 2

8
7 8
17

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ 9 3
♥ Q J 10 6 2
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q 4



♠ A 6 2
♥ 8 7 5
♦ A K Q
♣ A 10 9 8

North

2 ♦

2 NT

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

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 4

West Deals
None Vul

♠ J 6
♥ A 7 5
♦ A Q 7 2
♣ K J 8 3

11
15 7
7

West	North	East	South
1 NT	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
3 ♠ by West			

♠ 2
♥ K Q J 9 3
♦ K 8
♣ Q 9 5 4 2

♠ A K 9 7 5 3
♥ 8 4 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 7 6

♠ Q 10 8 4
♥ 10 6
♦ J 10 9 6 4
♣ A 10



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 5

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

17
8 8
7

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by North

♠ A 6

♥ 9 6 5

♦ K Q J 2

♣ A K 9 8



♠ 8 7 3

♥ A K 10 8 7 2

♦ 9 3

♣ 6 5

North

1 NT

2 ♥

4 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♦

3 ♥

Pass

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 ♥.