

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 10 4  
♥ A 10 9 6 5  
♦ 3 2  
♣ K 10 6

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



♠ 9 5 2  
♥ 2  
♦ A Q 10 9 8 7 5  
♣ 8 7

West      North      East      South  
Pass      Pass      Pass      3 ♦  
3 ♦ by South

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You estimate you can win 6 ♦ tricks so you open 3 ♦. Everybody passes.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
9 12  
6

West      North      East      South  
Pass      Pass      Pass      3 ♠  
3 ♠ by South

♠ 9 2  
♥ K J 8 5  
♦ K J 9  
♣ K Q 8 3  
  
N  
W E  
S  
♠ A 7  
♥ A 10 6 3  
♦ 10 3 2  
♣ A 7 6 2  
  
♠ K Q J 10 8 6 4  
♥ 9 7  
♦ 6 5  
♣ 10 4

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

You have 13 points and if partner had opened with a 1♠ bid you'd be feeling "jumpy". But what a preemptive bidder needs from dummy are immediate winners, not points. So you pass.

Here's a pretty good tip: When partner opens with a 3-bid and you are trying to decide whether to take him to game, visualize him holding this very hand: K Q J T x x x of trumps and nothing in any other suit. Then base your decision on that.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 5 2  
♥ K 9  
♦ 10 6 3  
♣ J 9 8 3

<sup>12</sup>  
9    <sup>12</sup>  
7

♠ J 9 8 7 3

♥ A 4 2  
♦ 8 2

♣ A K 7

W	N	E
S		

♠ 10 6 4  
♥ 5  
♦ A K Q J 4  
♣ Q 10 5 4

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
3 ♥			

4 ♥ by South

You dealt this hand. Decide what you would bid, then on BID above.

You expect your hand to produce 5 ♥ tricks and the ♠ A. So you open 3 ♥. Partner responds 4 ♥. What do you bid?

When you preempted 3 ♥ you described your hand perfectly. You have nothing more to say except pass.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 6

♥ J 5 3

♦ 9 4

♣ A 8 7 4

♠ Q J 9 5

♥ —

♦ A K Q J 10 5

♣ 6 3 2

W	N	E	

♠ 10 4 2

♥ A 9 6

♦ 7 3

♣ K Q J 10 9

**12**  
**13 10**  
**5**

♠ 8 3

♥ K Q 10 8 7 4 2

♦ 8 6 2

♣ 5

West      North      East      South

Pass      4 ♥      Pass      3 ♥

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

No matter how much we try to reduce bridge to rules and guidelines we will never get rid of the judgement factor. With this hand you definitely have 3 fast tricks for partner. In theory he can take 6 of his own, so 3 ♥ should be the right contract. BUT, maybe he could ruff a ♦ in your dummy?

Fortune favors the bold so you bid 4 ♥ ... and live happily ever after.