

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 5

♥ A 4

♦ K J 10 8 6 2

♣ 6 5 4

20

8 7

5

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ A J 8

♥ K 9 5 2

♦ A Q 4

♣ A Q 9

♠ K Q 10 7 2

♥ 8 3

♦ 7 5

♣ 10 8 7 2

North

2 NT

4 ♠

East

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♠

Pass



♠ 9 4 3

♥ Q J 10 7 6

♦ 9 3

♣ K J 3

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7

8  
7 10  
15

*West*

Pass

1 NT by South

♠ K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 9 5 3

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♠ A 6

♥ A J 6

♦ K J 6 2

♣ Q 8 6 4

*North*

Pass

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 NT

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 8  
 ♥ J 5 4  
 ♦ K J 5 2  
 ♣ 9 8 2

9  
 6 8  
 17

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ K 9 3  
 ♥ K Q 2  
 ♦ 10 9 7 4  
 ♣ J 5 3



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

*North*

2 NT

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 NT

3 NT

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 2

♥ J 10 9 8 7

♦ 5 2

♣ J 8 2

12

5 7

16

*West*

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

♠ 7 3

♥ A K 2

♦ K 10 9 4

♣ Q 7 5 3



♠ A Q 10

♥ Q 6

♦ A J 7 3

♣ K 10 9 6

*North*

3 NT

*East*

Pass

*South*

1 NT

Pass

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.