

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 2  
♥ K 10 9  
♦ 10 8 5 3 2  
♣ 10 7 5 4

14  
3 12  
11

West

Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ Q 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ K J 9 8

North

1 ♠

4 ♠

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♥

Pass

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if East had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ J 9

♣ K J 10 9 7 6

11

11 3

15

*West*

2 ♣

Pass

4 ♠ by South

♠ K Q 6 3

♥ A 8 7 3

♦ Q 8

♣ 8 4 2

♠ A 10 9 8 4

♥ 9 6 4

♦ A K 7

♣ A 5

*North*

3 ♣

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

*South*

1 ♠

4 ♠



Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 8 5
	♥ Q 9 7 3
	♦ K Q 4
	♣ Q J 9 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♥ by North			

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if East had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 7 5 2

♥ 9 6 2

♦ A 5

♣ 10 9 6

7  
9 9  
15

♠ A 3

♥ Q 8 7 4

♦ J 6 2

♣ 8 7 4 2



♠ J 10 8

♥ 10

♦ K Q 10 8 3

♣ Q J 5 3

♠ 9 6 4

♥ A K J 5 3

♦ 9 7 4

♣ A K

*West**North**East**South*

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 4 2  
 ♥ A J 2  
 ♦ 10 5 3  
 ♣ A J 7 4

12  
 11 10  
 7

West

Pass

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3

♦ K Q J 7

♣ 9 2



♠ K 10 9 3

♥ 6 4

♦ A 6 4

♣ 10 8 6 3

North

1 ♠

Pass

East

2 ♥

Pass

South

3 ♠

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

**Deal 6**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 7 5 2

♥ 8 3 2

♦ K 3

♣ 8 7 6

11  
10 7  
12

*West*

1 ♠

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ 8 4 3

♥ K 10 6 4

♦ A Q 5

♣ Q 9 3



♠ J 6

♥ Q J 9 7 5

♦ J 7 4

♣ A K 5

*North*

2 ♠

Pass

*East*

Pass

Pass

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 4 2

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s,  
11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones  
minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥,  
which partner passes.

**Deal 7**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ A K 10 9 4  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ K 9

♠ 5 2  
♥ A J 9 4 2  
♦ J 9 2  
♣ A Q 10



♠ 7 3  
♥ K Q 10 6  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ J 7 5 4

10  
12 6  
12

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♥	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♠ by North			

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

**Deal 8**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 10 9 8

♥ J 9 4

♦ A 8 6 2

♣ A J

♠ 7

♥ A K Q 10 5 3

♦ J 5

♣ 10 9 8 3



♠ 5 3

♥ 7 6 2

♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ 7 6 4 2

♠ A K Q 6 4 2

♥ 8

♦ K Q 4

♣ K Q 5

11  
10 0  
19

*West**North**East**South*

2 ♥

Pass

Pass

6 ♠ by South

3 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 ♠

4 NT

6 ♠

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.



**Deal 9**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ K 10  
♥ 7 3  
♦ A K Q 2  
♣ 8 7 6 3 2



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

9  
12 8  
11

♠ 8 6  
♥ A 9 8 4  
♦ 9 6 5 4  
♣ A Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♣	1 ♥	1 ♠	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
2 ♥ by North			

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

**Deal 10**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6  
♥ Q J 9 7 6  
♦ Q J 7 5  
♣ —

♠ J 4  
♥ 4  
♦ K 3 2  
♣ A K Q J 10 8 6



♠ 9 8 5 2  
♥ 10 2  
♦ 10 9 8 4  
♣ 5 3 2

11  
14 0  
15

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
2 ♣	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.