

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
13 7  
12

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3 ♠ by North			

♠ Q J 10 9 3  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ 8 2



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

♠ —  
♥ J 8 7 2  
♦ K Q 4  
♣ J 10 7 6 5 4

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

You have enough for a 1-level Overcall so you bid 1 ♠. Partner says 3 ♠. What do you say now?

The jump raise tells you partner has 11-14 points.

With your minimum it's going to have to be better than that to get you excited. So you pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

7  
9 16  
8

♠ K 8 7 5 3  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ A  
♣ 7 5 4 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
3 ♥	4 ♠	1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass		Pass	Pass
4 ♠ by South			

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

You have 10 points, but in cases like this points don't matter that much. They MIGHT be able to make 4 ♥. Partner MIGHT be able to make 4 ♠. This preemptive jump takes the decision away from them.

Looking at the hands you can see that partner is going to go down 1 at 4 ♠. However, that is an excellent result since they appear to be cold for 5 ♥.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
12 3  
11

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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

W N  
S E

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

♠ 10 9 8  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 10 9 8 7  
♣ K 7 6 3

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1 ♥. Partner says 3 ♥. It is your bid.

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q J 9 8 6 4		♠ 10 3
♥ 6 4		♥ A J 9 7 3
♦ A K Q		♦ 8 6 3
♣ 10 4		♣ 8 6 5

11  
12 5  
12

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



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

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

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

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you get to play it there.

**Deal 5**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 4  
♥ Q 9 3 2  
♦ K 4  
♣ A J 7 6

18  
11 2  
9

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

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



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

♠ 7 6 5  
♥ 7 5  
♦ Q 8 7 6 2  
♣ 5 4 2

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1 NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2 ♦. Partner now says 2 NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1 NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

**Deal 6**

East Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 4  
♥ 10 8 4  
♦ Q J 10 8  
♣ J 9 4 2

14  
5 11  
10

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



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

♠ 9 2  
♥ 9 5 3 2  
♦ A K 4 3  
♣ A 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♦	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

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

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2 ♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2 ♠. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!