

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ 10 9 8 2

♥ K Q 6

♦ A 9 4

♣ A K 5

**16**  
**8 5**  
**11**

♠ K Q J 3

♥ A J 5

♦ 7 2

♣ 9 8 4 3

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

North opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

With 11 points and a 4-card Major suit you bid 2 ♣. Partner answers 2 ♠. What is your next bid?

Stayman bidding can be very straightforward. Partner has 4 ♠s, you have 4 ♠s. That makes 8. Partner has 15-17 points, you have 11-12 points. That makes 26-29.

You bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 9 4

♥ K J 10 7

♦ A J

♣ K Q 3

18  
5  
16  
1

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



♠ J 8 6 3 2

♥ 6 4 3

♦ 10 8 3

♣ 7 5

West

North

East

South

2 ♣

Pass

1 NT

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by East

East opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You have a very big hand. Enormous. But you also have two 4-card Majors, so the first step is Stayman. You bid 2♣ and partner replies 2♦. What do you bid next?

You have 18 points and partner has 15, 16 or 17. Your total is between 33 and 35. You have enough POINTS for a small slam, not enough for a grand. You have no Major suit fit, and are happy to play notrump.

There is a lot to be said for bidding 6 NT immediately. You could ask for Aces if you like but whether partner shows one or two isn't going to change your decision. Be bold.

**Deal 3**

South Deals	♠ 4		
None Vul	♥ K 10 9 7		
	♦ K Q J 3		
	♣ A K 8 5		
♠ K 7 6 5 3 2	♠ A J 8		
♥ 8 6	♥ 5 4 2		
♦ 9 6 2	♦ 7 5 4		
♣ 9 7	♣ 10 4 3 2		
16 3 5 16	♠ Q 10 9 ♥ A Q J 3 ♦ A 10 8 ♣ Q J 6		
West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

South opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

You have another big hand. And with a 4-card Major you start with 2♣. Partner answers 2♥ and it's your turn again.

What with your singleton ♠ you certainly have enough points for slam. But since it's possible partner has only one Ace you check with Blackwood. Partner says 5♥ and you say . . . What?

Missing one Ace you bid 6♥.

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 5  
♥ K Q 9 5  
♦ A K 6 3  
♣ K Q 8

7  
17 10  
6

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

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

♠ J 8 7  
♥ A 8 4 3 2  
♦ J 10 8  
♣ 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♥ by West			

West opens 1 NT. What do you respond?

This may go against your instincts, but if you're going to play Stayman then you should follow the rules. Granted that you have a great ♠ suit, you also have 4 ♥s. And when you have a 4-card Major you use Stayman. You bid 2 ♣ and partner says 2 ♥.

That is why you used Stayman - to uncover a 4-4 Major suit fit. Having done so you know that you will play in ♥s and you have enough points to bid game. You bid 4 ♥.