

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
6 8  
17

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



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

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

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

When you have 4 cards in both Majors  
you respond 2 ♥. Partner bids 2 NT. What  
is your next bid?

Partner would never bid Stayman  
without a 4-card Major. Since he did not  
like your ♥ bid it is clear that his 4-card  
Major must be ♠s. His 2 NT bid was an  
invitation for you to bid 3 NT, which  
means he has about 9 points. Knowing  
that partner has 9 points and 4 ♠s, your  
call is clear : 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 8 6 5 2  
♣ K J 6 5 2

11  
5 7  
17

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your  
correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s  
and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but  
it must be at least 9 points. You know  
that you have just a 7-card fit in both  
Majors, and since you have a full 17  
points you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4 3

♥ A 8

♦ J 8 2

♣ 8 7

$$\begin{matrix} & 17 \\ 6 & 8 \\ & 9 \end{matrix}$$
*West*

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 10

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q 10 6

*North*

1 NT

2 ♦

4 ♥

*East*

Pass

Pass

Pass

*South*

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♣.  
What do you bid?

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have  
no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.  
What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but  
he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of  
them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since  
he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are  
interested in. Partner has 5 and you have  
3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit  
fit. And you also know you have a  
maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

8  
7 5  
20

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

West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

With a balanced 20 points you open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What do you bid?

Stayman applies after a 2 NT opening, just one level higher. With no 4-card Major you bid 3 ♦. Partner next bids 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner is showing 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. In neither case would you have the 8-card fit you need. So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 8 4 2

♥ 10 7

♦ K 10 6 4 2

♣ J 10 9

7  
4 8  
21

♠ Q 9 6 3

♥ K 5

♦ Q 8 7 5

♣ 7 4 2



♠ K J 10 5

♥ A Q J 9

♦ A J 9

♣ K Q

♠ A 7

♥ 8 6 4 3 2

♦ 3

♣ A 8 6 5 3

West

North

East

South

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♠

4 ♠ by South

You open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣.  
What do you bid?

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid  
3 ♥. Partner puts you in 3 NT. What do  
you do? Pass or bid?

You certainly do not pass. Partner's  
Stayman bid tells you he has a 4-card  
Major suit. His 3 NT bid tells you the suit  
was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit  
must be ♠s. So you convert the 3 NT bid  
to 4 ♠.

If you want to make yourself happy you  
use Stayman, just imagine playing 3 NT  
after a ♣ lead!