

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ A Q J 10 6 5 3

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ K J 9 8 5
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ —

♠ 10 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K 9 8 4 2

♠ A K Q J
♥ A Q 10 4 3
♦ A J 8
♣ 7

21

7

3

21

West North East South

2 ♣

Pass 2 ♥
Pass 6 ♣
Pass Pass

Pass 4 NT
Pass 7 ♥
Pass

7 ♥ by North

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6 ♣. Partner goes all the way to 7 ♥.

Deal 2East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 6 5 2
 ♥ A Q 7 4
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ A Q

18 **2**
5 **15**

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	
5 ♠ by East			

♠ Q 8 4 3
 ♥ 8 6
 ♦ 9 7 4
 ♣ 9 8 6 5

N
W E
S

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

♠ J
 ♥ 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 10 7 4 3 2

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.

Deal 3East Deals
None Vul

♠ 6
♥ Q J
♦ J 6 5 3
♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

♠ A K Q J 3

♥ 10 8 7 5

♦ K

♣ K Q J

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ 10 8 5 4 2
♥ 4 3 2
♦ 10 8 2
♣ 4 3

19
4 o
17

♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		Pass	1 ♦
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

Your 2 ♥ bid is a Reverse, showing 17+ points.

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that North has implicitly agreed to ♥s. So you respond 5 ♣, showing 4 Key-Cards, three Aces and the ♥ K. Partner next bids 5 ♦. What do you say?

5 ♦ is the Queen Ask. Partner obviously is thinking about a Grand Slam and wants to know whether you hold the trump Queen (♥ Q). Since you do not have the card you return to the agreed trump suit at the lowest level - which is 5 ♥. Partner now bids 6 ♥.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ K 7
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5
 ♣ K

16 4
 18 2

♠ Q 9 5
 ♥ 10 7
 ♦ 6 4 3 2
 ♣ Q 8 7 5

N
W E
S

♠ A 6 3
 ♥ A K 9 8 6 5
 ♦ K
 ♣ A 3 2

♠ J 10 8 4 2
 ♥ 4 2
 ♦ 9
 ♣ J 10 9 6 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 NT	Pass		Pass
7 NT by West			

The bidding has been as shown. Yes, you could have jump-shifted on your first bid. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Slam in ♥s is almost certain, but you should check for Key-Cards. You bid 4 NT and partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid next?

Partner shows 1 or 4 Key-cards. Since he jumped on the second round you figure it must be 4. So you have all the Key-Cards. Time to find out about the other Kings, so you bid 5 NT. Partner replies 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has 1 King, the only one left, the ♦ K. You can count about 17 high-card tricks available so you bid 7 NT.

Deal 5
 North Deals
 None Vul

♠ A Q J
 ♥ 5 4 2
 ♦ 9 6 5 2
 ♣ 5 4 2

15
 7 7
 11

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

♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2
 ♥ 7
 ♦ A 8 3
 ♣ 9 7

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♥
6 ♥ by North			

Your 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, agreeing ♥s as trump, and showing opening hand strength with a singleton or void in ♠s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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You have one Key-Card, the ♥ A. You also have a ♠ void, but since bidding 6 ♠ would take you above the 6 ♥ level you just respond 6 ♥. Partner will deduce that your void is in ♠s, particularly because you Splintered in that suit. Partner passes your 6 ♥ bid.