

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

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

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♠ 9 7
 ♥ A K 9 6
 ♦ A Q 9 7 4
 ♣ A 5

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ J 6 5 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

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♠ A K Q J 3
 ♥ 10 8 7 5
 ♦ K
 ♣ K Q J

<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 North

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

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that South 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 2

North Deals
None Vul

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

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

18	♠ K 7
4 2	♦ Q J 3
16	♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5
	♣ K

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

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 3

North Deals	♠ 10 8 6
None Vul	♥ K Q J 8 3
	♦ 10
	♣ A K Q 6

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

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15	♠ —
7 7	♥ A 10 9 6
11	♦ 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.

Deal 4East Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ K 10 9 6 4
♣ Q 9 6 3

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5 8
17

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

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♠ 7
♥ J 5 3 2
♦ A Q J 3 2
♣ 8 7 4

♠ K Q J 9 6 5
♥ A K
♦ 8 7 5
♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♦	Pass	7 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	
7 ♠ by South			

Partner's 4 ♦ bid is a Splinter Bid. It shows opening hand strength, at least 4-card ♠ support, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Normally you would not ask for Key-Cards with this ♦ holding. But since you know partner has at most a singleton, and that it is not the singleton ♦ A, you are safe to do so. You say 4 NT, partner replies 6 ♦. What next?

WOW! Partner has one Key-Card and a ♦ void. So the Key-Card is the ♠ A. You don't know what the rest of partner's hand is, but he can surely take care of that small ♣. You bid 7 ♠.

Deal 5
 South Deals
 None Vul

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

♠ 10 9 4 2
 ♥ K 9 8 7
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 9 7 4 2

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3 5
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♠ J 6 3
 ♥ Q J 5 3 2
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ 6 5 3

♠ A Q 5
 ♥ 4
 ♦ A K 10 8 6 3
 ♣ A K Q

♣

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

Your 2 NT response shows 8+ points, with no 5-card biddable suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You support the ♦s and partner bids 4 NT. What is your next bid?

With ♦s as trump you have 1 Key-Card, the ♥A. You answer 5 ♣ and partner bids 5 ♥. What is your bid?

This is the Queen Ask, wanting to know if you hold the ♦Q. Since you do have it you should bid a suit in which you hold a King. So you bid 5 ♣. That spurred partner on - he was fishing for 7 ♦ but when you told him you had the ♦Q, ♥A and ♣K he was able to bid 7 NT.

Deal 6

West Deals	♠ Q 8
None Vul	♥ AJ 9 7
	♦ K Q J
	♣ A K Q 6

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

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W E
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♠ —
22
5 7
6 ♦ 5 3
♣ J 10 8 2

West	North	East	South
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6 ♥
ALL	Pass		

6 ♥ by South

Partner's 2 ♥ is a positive response, 8+ points with a 5+ card suit. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Even though it is tempting, bidding RCKB now would be a mistake because of your doubleton ♠ loser. Instead just support the ♥s. Partner cannot pass, you both know you are forced to game. In fact, partner bids 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner promises first round ♠ control so NOW you can bid RCKB. When you bid 4 NT partner answers 6 ♥. This shows 1 Key-Card and a void in a suit higher than ♥s. Knowing you are missing either the ♦ A or ♥ K you pass.