

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 5  
♥ A 9 8 5  
♦ A Q  
♣ K Q J 5 4

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

♠ 10 3 2  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 5 3 2  
♣ A 9 7 2

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

| West         | North | East | South |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|
|              | 1 ♣   | Pass | 1 ♥   |
| Pass         | 4 ♥   | Pass | 4 NT  |
| Pass         | 5 ♥   | Pass | 6 ♥   |
| Pass         | Pass  | Pass |       |
| 6 ♥ by South |       |      |       |

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

**19**  
**5 2**  
**14**

♠ Q 10 6  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ 10 8 7  
♣ A Q 5 2

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

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1 ♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4 ♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4 ♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> 5  
<sup>22</sup>

| <i>West</i>   | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|               | 1 ♠          | Pass        | 3 ♥          |
| Pass          | 3 ♠          | Pass        | 4 NT         |
| Pass          | 5 ♥          | Pass        | 5 NT         |
| Pass          | 6 ♣          | Pass        | 6 NT         |
| ALL           | Pass         |             |              |
| 6 NT by South |              |             |              |

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| N         | E       |
| W         | S       |
| ♠ K 6 4   | ♥ J 7 3 |
| ♦ J 9 7 4 | ♣ 9 7 4 |

♠ 10 9 2  
♥ A K Q 10 5  
♦ A K  
♣ K Q J

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).

**Deal 4**

|                |                      |      |       |
|----------------|----------------------|------|-------|
| South Deals    | ♠ A K                |      |       |
| None Vul       | ♥ K 8 5 3            |      |       |
|                | ♦ K Q J 4            |      |       |
|                | ♣ A 9 3              |      |       |
| ♠ Q 10 9 8 7   | ♠ J 5 3              |      |       |
| ♥ 6            | ♥ J 10               |      |       |
| ♦ A 9 6 5 2    | ♦ 10 8 7 3           |      |       |
| ♣ Q 10         | ♣ K J 7 6            |      |       |
|                | ♠ 6 4 2              |      |       |
| 20<br>8 6<br>6 | ♥ A Q 9 7 4 2<br>♦ — |      |       |
|                | ♣ 8 5 4 2            |      |       |
| West           | North                | East | South |
| Pass           | 4 NT                 | Pass | 2 ♥   |
| Pass           | 6 ♥                  | Pass | 6 ♦   |
| Pass           |                      |      | Pass  |
| 6 ♥ by South   |                      |      |       |

You need to find out about Aces so you bid 4 NT. Partner says 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has shown one Ace and a ♦ void. As to what you bid, that's easy. You have no choice now but to say 6 ♥. This is a pretty good slam, but it is not cold. Maybe West will not lead a ♣. Or maybe East will have the ♦ A.

**Deal 5**

North Deals  
None Vul

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

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 24  | ♠ A 10 7   |
| 5 1 | ♥ 9 5 2    |
| 10  | ♦ A 10 8 6 |
|     | ♣ Q 6 3    |

| <i>West</i>   | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| Pass          | 2 ♣          | Pass        | 2 NT         |
| Pass          | 4 ♣          | Pass        | 4 ♠          |
| Pass          | 6 NT         | Pass        | Pass         |
| 6 NT by South |              |             |              |



|              |
|--------------|
| ♠ 8 3 2      |
| ♥ 10 7 6     |
| ♦ 4 2        |
| ♣ J 10 8 5 2 |

Not everybody responds to 2 ♣ openers the same way. But with 9 balanced points 2 NT is reasonable. Partner jumps to 4 ♣. What do you bid?

With 2 Aces your response is 4 ♠. Partner bids 6 NT and you pass.