

Deal 1East Deals
None Vul

♠ 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

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4 o
17

♠ 9 7
♥ A K 9 6
♦ A Q 9 7 4
♣ A 5

West	North	East	South
		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 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 5
♥ 10 7
♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

18
4 2
16

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♠ 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

♠ K 7
♥ Q J 3
♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5
♣ K

<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	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

	♠ —		
South Deals	♥ A 10 9 6		
None Vul	♦ K Q J 7 4		
	♣ J 10 8 3		
♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2	♠ A Q J		
♥ 7	♥ 5 4 2		
♦ A 8 3	♦ 9 6 5 2		
♣ 9 7	♣ 5 4 2		
	♠ 10 8 6		
11 7 7 15	♥ K Q J 8 3		
	♦ 10		
	♣ A K Q 6		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

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

10
5 8
17

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

	N		
W		E	
	S		

♠ 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 ♠.