

**Deal 1**  
 North Deals  
 None Vul

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

N  
 W     E  
S

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

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

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

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

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**

East Deals

None Vul

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

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

7  
11 17  
5  
♣ K J 6 5 2

<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 East			

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

♠ K 7

♥ Q J 10

♦ A K 9 5

♣ K J 9 4



♠ A 10 9

♥ 6 4 2

♦ 10 6 4

♣ A 5 3 2

♠ Q 2

♥ K 9 7 5 3

♦ Q 7 3

♣ Q 10 6

6 17

8

9

West      North      East      South

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

4 ♥

Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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**West Deals  
None Vul

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

**20** 7  
8  
5

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
2 NT	Pass	3 ♣	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
3 NT by West			

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**  
North Deals  
None Vul

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

21  
8 4  
7

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

N  
W E  
S

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ 10 7  
♦ K 10 6 4 2  
♣ J 10 9

West      North      East      South

Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 ♣

Pass      3 ♥      Pass      3 NT

Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass

4 ♠ by North

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!