

**Deal 1**East Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 3	♦ K J 3	♣ A Q 8 7 5 4
♥ A 8 5		♠ A J 10 9 8 4
♦ K J 3		♥ 6 2
♣ A Q 8 7 5 4		♦ 10 9 5 2
	W N E	♣ 3
	S	
14		♠ K Q 6
4 5		♥ K Q 4
17		♦ A 7 4
		♣ K 10 9 6

West	North	East	South
		Pass	1 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♦
Pass	6 ♣	ALL	Pass

6 ♣ by North

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You open 1 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What is your next bid?

Partner's jump to 3 ♣ shows at least 5 ♣s and slam interest. Your hand is good enough to encourage that interest so you bypass 3 NT and say 4 ♣. Partner now bids 4 NT. What do you answer?

That is Blackwood. You admit to one Ace and partner bids 6 ♣.

**Deal 2**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 9 6  
♥ K J 6 4  
♦ A Q 4  
♣ Q J 5

8  
16 4  
12

West      North      East      South  
1 NT      Pass      2 ♥      Pass  
Pass  
2 ♥ by East

N  
W E  
S

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

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

1 ♦

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

A 1 NT overcall is almost the same as a 1 NT opening. The range is increased to 15-18, but the main difference is that you must have the opponent's suit adequately stopped. Here you certainly have the stopper so you bid 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you bid next?

And the responses are the same also. Partner's 2 ♥ bid is a signoff bid, often called a "drop dead" bid. So even though you really like the ♥s you pass.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 8	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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♠ 6 5	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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♥ A 4	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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♦ K J 10 8 6 2	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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♣ 6 5 4	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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20	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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8 7	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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5	♦ K 9 5 2	♥ A Q 4	♣ A Q 9
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West	North	East	South														
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠														
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass														
Pass																	

4 ♠ by South

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 6  
♥ A J 6  
♦ K J 6 2  
♣ Q 8 6 4

7  
**15** 8  
10

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠

J 10 7 4 2

♥ 10 8 4

♦ Q 8

♣ K J 7

♠

K 9 8 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q 5

♥ 9 7 5 3

♦ A 9 5 3

♣ A 10 2

West

North

East

South

1 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

1 NT by West

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

**Deal 5**

North Deals	♠ A Q 2
None Vul	♥ A 9 7
	♦ Q 8 3
	♣ K Q 10 4
♠ 7 6 5 4	♠ J 10 8
♥ 10 8 6 3	♥ J 5 4
♦ A 6	♦ K J 5 2
♣ A 7 6	♣ 9 8 2

N  
W E  
S

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

West	North	East	South
	1 NT	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.