

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 7 6 3

♥ 5 4 3

♦ A K 4

♣ 4 3

17  
7 5  
11

♠ K J 4

♥ A 8

♦ Q J 7 3

♣ A Q 10 8



♠ A Q 5 2

♥ K Q 10 9 6

♦ 10 9

♣ 9 7

♠ 8

♥ J 7 2

♦ 8 6 5 2

♣ K J 6 5 2

*West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

2 ♣

Pass

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by North

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 2**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
17 9  
6

West  
1 NT  
2 ♦  
4 ♥  
4 ♥ by East

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



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

North

Pass

Pass

Pass

East

2 ♣

2 ♥

Pass

South

Pass

Pass

Pass

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 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
7 5  
20

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



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

♠ 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 South

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 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

4  
21 7  
8

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

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



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

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

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!