

**Deal 1**

South Deals	♠ K J 9 7 6
None Vul	♥ A K 8 7
	♦ 6 4
	♣ 10 3

♠ A 10 8 4 3	♠ 5
♥ J 3	♥ 10 6 2
♦ K J 9	♦ Q 10 8 7 3
♣ J 6 2	♣ A 8 5 4



11	♠ Q 2
10 6	♥ Q 9 5 4
13	♦ A 5 2
	♣ K Q 9 7

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

You have 12 points and you respond 1♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You have an excellent 4-card ♥ suit, but if you bid 2 ♥ right now it is not forcing on partner and he will almost surely pass. And you definitely don't have the points to jump to 3 ♥. New Minor Forcing gives you a way out.

So you say 2 ♦ and your wonderful partner bids 2 ♥. What now?

Your 12 points just got upgraded! Bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
8 7  
<sup>14</sup>

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

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♠ J 10 8 6 4 3  
♥ 9 5  
♦ Q 7  
♣ A 8 2

♠ A Q 9  
♥ 8 2  
♦ A K 10 9  
♣ J 10 9 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♦
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	1 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT

3 NT by South

You are the dealer.

This 14 point hand is almost good enough to open 1 NT, but you bid 1 ♦. Partner responds 1 ♥. What do you bid next?

You could bid either 1 NT or 2 ♣. You decide on 1 NT.

Partner says 2 ♣. What do you bid?

This is NMF, asking if you have 3 ♥s. You only have 2, but you have a great notrump hand now. Since partner must have at least invitational strength you jump right to 3 NT.

**Deal 3**

South Deals	<b>♠ K 9 4</b>		
None Vul	<b>♥ A K 5 4 2</b>		
	<b>♦ 8 5</b>		
	<b>♣ K J 9</b>		
<b>♠ A J 8 6 3 2</b>	<b>♠ 7</b>		
<b>♥ 8 6</b>	<b>♥ Q 9 7 3</b>		
<b>♦ Q 10</b>	<b>♦ J 9 7 3</b>		
<b>♣ 10 5 2</b>	<b>♣ A 7 4 3</b>		
<b>14</b>	<b>♠ Q 10 5</b>		
<b>7 7</b>	<b>♥ J 10</b>		
<b>12</b>	<b>♦ A K 6 4 2</b>		
	<b>♣ Q 8 6</b>		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			<b>1 ♦</b>
Pass	<b>1 ♥</b>	Pass	<b>1 NT</b>
Pass	<b>2 ♣</b>	Pass	<b>2 NT</b>
Pass	<b>3 NT</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

With 15 points you are going to insist on game. First you respond 1 ♥. Partner rebids 1 NT. What do you say next?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You are happy with notrump, but would prefer to play in ♥s if partner has three cards in the suit. To find out if he does, use New Minor Forcing.

So you say 2 ♣ and partner replies 2 NT. It is your bid again.

Partner doesn't have 3 ♥s. That's what you wanted to know, you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1♦
Pass	1♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2♣	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥	ALL	Pass

4♥ by South

You are the dealer.

You have 14 points and you open 1♦.  
Partner responds 1♠.

You cannot bid 2♥ because a Reverse shows at least 16 points. So you bid 1 NT.  
Partner says 2♣.

This is NMF, asking you to further describe your hand. You do not have 3♦s.  
You do have a 4-card ♥ suit. You have a maximum hand for your previous bidding,  
so you jump to 3♥. Partner raises to 4♥.

**Deal 5**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

♠ A 6	♠ K Q J 10 5		
♥ 9 8 6 4 2	♥ A 3		
♦ Q 8 5	♦ K 10 7		
♣ J 7 6	♣ 10 8 3		
13 7 7 13	♠ 7 2 ♥ K Q 7 5 ♦ J 9 6 ♣ A K 9 4		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♣
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

You have 14 points and you respond 1 ♠. Partner rebids 1 NT. What is your next bid?

Partner has 12-14 points, balanced. You will insist on reaching game, but don't know whether 3 NT or 4 ♠ is going to be the best spot. It depends on whether partner has 3 ♠s. So of course you use NMF.

You bid 2 ♦ and partner then says 2 ♥. Where do you go from here?

OK, partner has a 4-card ♥ suit - may or may not have 3 ♠s. Since you don't have 4 ♥s you bid 3 NT, leaving it up to partner to correct to 4 ♠ if he has 3 of them.

**Deal 6**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**18**  
 5 8  
 9

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♣	Pass	1♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3♦
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
ALL	Pass		
4♠ by South			

♠ A 10 7  
 ♥ AJ 10  
 ♦ KJ 5  
 ♣ KQ 10 6

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

You are the dealer.

You are too strong for 1 NT so you open 1♣. Partner responds 1♠.

You don't support ♠s with only 3 cards since partner might well have just a 4-card suit. With 18 points, balanced, all suits stopped, you jump to 2 NT.

Partner says 3♦. What do you bid?

This is New Minor Forcing. Partner wants to know if you have 3♠s. Since you do have 3 you bid 3♠ and partner raises to 4♠.