

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10 3 2  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ 5 3 2  
♣ A 9 7 2

13  
4 4  
19

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by North

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



♠ K 5  
♥ A 9 8 5  
♦ A Q  
♣ K Q J 5 4

North

1 ♥

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

♠ Q J 7 4

♥ 7 4

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ 10 8 6

South

1 ♣

4 ♥

5 ♥

Pass

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

2  
19 14  
5

♠ 9 8 7 5 3  
♥ J 4  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ J 6 4

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

West	North	East	South
1 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
6 NT			
6 NT by East			

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1 ♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4 ♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4 ♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

11  
 2 5  
 22

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

ALL

6 NT by South

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3



♠ 10 9 2

♥ A K Q 10 5

♦ A K

♣ K Q J

North

1 ♠

3 ♠

5 ♥

6 ♣

Pass

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

3 ♥

4 NT

5 NT

6 NT

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).

**Deal 4**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 10 9 8 7

♥ 6

♦ A 9 6 5 2

♣ Q 10

♠ 6 4 2

♥ A Q 9 7 4 2

♦ —

♣ 8 5 4 2



♠ A K

♥ K 8 5 3

♦ K Q J 4

♣ A 9 3

♠ J 5 3

♥ J 10

♦ 10 8 7 3

♣ K J 7 6

8

6 20

6

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

2 ♥

Pass

4 NT

Pass

6 ♦

Pass

6 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by West

You need to find out about Aces so you bid 4 NT. Partner says 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has shown one Ace and a ♦ void. As to what you bid, that's easy. You have no choice now but to say 6 ♥. This is a pretty good slam, but it is not cold. Maybe North will not lead a ♣. Or maybe South will have the ♦ A.

**Deal 5**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 7

♥ 9 5 2

♦ A 10 8 6

♣ Q 6 3

♠ 8 3 2

♥ 10 7 6

♦ 4 2

♣ J 10 8 5 2



♠ J 9 6 5

♥ A 8 4

♦ 9 7 3

♣ 9 7 4

♠ K Q 4

♥ K Q J 3

♦ K Q J 5

♣ A K

10  
1 5  
24

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

2 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 ♣

Pass

4 ♠

Pass

6 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 NT by North

Not everybody responds to 2 ♣ openers the same way. But with 9 balanced points 2 NT is reasonable. Partner jumps to 4 ♣. What do you bid?

With 2 Aces your response is 4 ♠. Partner bids 6 NT and you pass.