

**Deal 1**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul  
 ♠ A K 10 8  
 ♥ 9 8 5 3  
 ♦ Q 10 9 6  
 ♣ 8

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

9  
 10 7  
 14  
 ♠ 7 5  
 ♥ A K 10 7 6 4  
 ♦ K J  
 ♣ Q J 10

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

N  
 W E  
 S

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
4 ♥ by South			

You could bid 1 ♠. Many would do so, thinking "I have to show partner my ♠ suit."

In fact, you don't have to show partner your ♠ suit. You already know of a partnership 9-card fit in ♥s, so there is no reason to search for a possible 8-card fit in ♠s.

With 11 points and 4 trumps you bid 3 ♥, a limit raise. Partner raises to game.

**Deal 2**

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

12	♠ K Q 10 8
9 5	♥ Q 6
14	♦ Q J 9 6
	♣ A 9 6

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

You MIGHT jump to 2 NT to "show your points". However, a notrump bid now would deny a 4-card ♠ suit. Instead, your priority is to show that Major, so you respond 1 ♠. Partner bids 2 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would not support a response which might be 4 cards unless he had 4 himself. Knowing that you have two opening hands facing each other, each containing 4 ♠s, you bid the ♠ game.

**Deal 3**  
 South Deals  
 None Vul

<b>♠ J 3 2</b> <b>♥ A 10 5</b> <b>♦ 8</b> <b>♣ K 10 8 4 3 2</b>  <b>8 9</b> <b>17</b>	<b>♠ K Q 8 6</b> <b>♥ J 7 6</b> <b>♦ Q J 7 6</b> <b>♣ 9 6</b>  <b>♠ A 10 9 7 5</b> <b>♥ K Q</b> <b>♦ K 10 5</b> <b>♣ A J 7</b>	<b>♠ 4</b> <b>♥ 9 8 4 3 2</b> <b>♦ A 9 4 3 2</b> <b>♣ Q 5</b>
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			<b>1 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>2 ♠</b>	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>	Pass	Pass
Pass			
<b>4 ♠ by South</b>			

With 4-card support you respond **2 ♠**. Partner raises to **3 ♠**. What do you say next?

Partner's bid is an invitation. You have told him you have 6-10 points and he probably has about 17-18. If you are at the high end of your 6-T he wants you to bid game, at the low end he wants you to pass. You actually have T, definitely high end, so you bid **4 ♠**.

**Deal 4**

South Deals	♠ K Q 8 6
None Vul	♥ J 7 6
	♦ J 7 6
	♣ 9 6 5

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 ♠ by South			

With 7 points and good trumps you respond 2 ♠. Partner now bids 3 ♣. What do you bid next?

Again partner is inviting you to bid game. He wants you to bid it if you are at the top of your 6-T range, and he wants you to particularly promote any Help you can give him in ♣s.

You are at the bottom of your range and you have no help in ♣s, so you just return to ♠s. Partner passes.

**Deal 5**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 9 3  
♥ Q 10 6  
♦ K Q 10 3  
♣ 9 6 5 4  
♠ Q 10 8 7 6 5  
♥ 8  
♦ 8 4  
♣ A J 8 3  
7  
16  
7 10  
♣ 10  
♠ A K 4 2  
♥ A K J 5 3  
♦ J 7 2

N  
W E  
S

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♥      Pass      3 ♦  
Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass  
Pass  
4 ♥ by South

Your only reasonable response is 2 ♥.  
Partner now bids 3 ♦. What do you say?

With 8 points you are right in the middle of the 6-10 points you promised. So you could either accept partner's invitation or decline it. BUT, he said you should particularly look at any Help you could provide in ♦s. Since you have lots of good stuff in that suit you upgrade your 8 points and bid 4 ♥.