

**Deal 1**North Deals  
None Vul

	<b>♠ 10 6 4 2</b>		
	<b>♥ K Q 5</b>		
	<b>♦ 8 6</b>		
	<b>♣ A Q 9 3</b>		
<b>♠ K</b>			
<b>♥ 9 8 7 3</b>			
<b>♦ A 10 9 7 3 2</b>			
<b>♣ K 4</b>			
	<b>♠ A 3</b>		
	<b>♥ J 10 6 2</b>		
	<b>♦ 5 4</b>		
	<b>♣ J 10 6 5 2</b>		
	<b>♠ Q J 9 8 7 5</b>		
	<b>♥ A 4</b>		
	<b>♦ K Q J</b>		
	<b>♣ 8 7</b>		
<b>11</b>			
<b>10 6</b>			
<b>13</b>			
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	Pass	Pass	<b>1 ♠</b>
Pass	<b>2 ♣</b>	Pass	<b>4 ♠</b>
Pass	Pass	Pass	
<b>4 ♠ by South</b>			

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

Partner has a limit raise in ♠s and wonders if you have a full strength opening bid. Your 15 point hand is enough to insist on game, but opposite a passed hand you have no interest in a slam.

So you sign-off at 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**10**  
 7 **11**  
**12**

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

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

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

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

With 11 points in support of ♠s you need to let partner know. The way to do it is to bid **2 ♣**.

Partner rebids **2 ♦**, confirming a full-strength opening bid. What do you bid next?

You've told partner you had at least a limit raise, now you need to tell him that it is pretty minimal. You bid **2 ♠** and everybody passes.

**Deal 3**North Deals  
None Vul

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

6  
 12 9  
 13

♠ J 10 9 6

♥ Q 8  
 ♦ 8 6

♣ K 8 6 5 3

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

♠ K Q 8 7 5  
 ♥ K 7 4  
 ♦ K Q 7  
 ♣ 10 2

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

You open in third seat and the bidding continues as shown.

If you thought North had 11 points you'd bid 4 ♠. But you know he has a weak hand - with T+ points and support he would have said 2 ♣.

His 3 ♠ bid is just preemptive, so you pass.