

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

	♠ 6 2
	♥ K 9 7 3
	♦ A 8 4
	♣ A 9 8 3

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by South			

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid next?

Partner has shown 11+ points and at least 4 ♥s. Your hand revalues to 16 points in support of ♥s, where you know you have an 8-card fit or better. You bid 4 ♥ confidently.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
6 10  
15

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



♠ A K 10 7 5 3  
♥ Q J 5  
♦ K Q 10  
♣ 7

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	1 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

We all know you will open 1 ♠ with this hand. And after partner responds 1 NT what is your next bid?

With 6 of them you can rebid ♠s but you are too strong to say just 2 ♠. Your 17 points puts you in the Medium range where you make a jump. So you bid 3 ♠ and partner bids 4 ♠.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 5 4  
♥ 10 6 4 3  
♦ Q 10 9 6  
♣ 10 5

11  
4 5  
20

West

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

6 ♥ by South

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



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

North

3 ♥  
5 ♥  
Pass

East

Pass  
Pass  
Pass

South

1 ♥  
4 NT  
6 ♥

This is a big hand. But not quite enough to open 2 ♣. So you open 1 ♥ and partner responds 3 ♥. Now what?

You might bid 4 ♦ as a slam try, but it is probably just as well to go ahead and ask for Aces. So you bid 4 NT and partner owns up to holding 2 Aces. What is your next bid?

You have all the Aces but don't go crazy. Partner only has 11-12 points so don't think too Grand! Bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ A J 10 6 4

♥ J

♦ 10 2

♣ Q J 7 5 4

6  
9 6  
19

♠ 9 8 7

♥ 10 8 6

♦ A Q 8 5

♣ 6 3 2

N  
W E  
S

♠ K 5

♥ A K Q 7 5

♦ K 6 3

♣ A 10 8

♠ Q 3 2

♥ 9 4 3 2

♦ J 9 7 4

♣ K 9

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

Pass

2 ♥

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

4 ♥

4 ♥ by South

With 6 points you must respond and you should let partner know you have support for his suit. So you bid 2 ♥ and he promptly raises to 4 ♥. It's a good thing he had 20 points isn't it.