

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			

4 ♠ by North

You have a limit raise in ♠s; if East had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♠.

Instead, you cue-bid 3 ♥, promising at least 11 points and support for ♠s. Partner bids the game.

**Deal 2**

East Deals

None Vul

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

3  
**11 15**  
 11

♠ 5  
 ♥ J 10 5 2  
 ♦ 10 6 5 4 3 2  
 ♣ Q 3

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

♠ J 7 2

♥ K Q

♦ J 9

♣ K J 10 9 7 6

West      North      East      South  
               1 ♠            2 ♣

3 ♣      Pass      4 ♠      Pass  
 Pass      Pass  
 4 ♠ by East

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s.

With your 17 revalued points you know that your side has at least enough for game, so bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 3**

South Deals	♠ 8 5
None Vul	♥ Q 9 7 3
	♦ K Q 4
	♣ Q J 9 2

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



10	♠ 7 4 2
10	♥ A K 6 5 4
12	♦ A J 3
	♣ 4 3

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

You have a limit raise in ♥s; if West had not overcalled you would have bid 3 ♥.

Instead, you cue-bid 2 ♠, promising at least 11 points and support for ♥s. Partner bids 3 ♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner indicates a minimum hand and you don't have enough extra to bid more.

**Deal 4**West Deals  
None Vul**♠ K Q 7 5 2****♥ 9 6 2****♦ A 5****♣ 10 9 6****♠ 9 6 4****♥ A K J 5 3****♦ 9 7 4****♣ A K****9  
15 7  
9**

	N	
W		E
	S	

**♠ A 3****♥ Q 8 7 4****♦ J 6 2****♣ 8 7 4 2****♠ J 10 8****♥ 10****♦ K Q 10 8 3****♣ Q J 5 3***West**North**East**South*

1 ♥

1 ♠

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by West

You have a pretty good hand and if partner has a limit raise or better you should bid 4 ♥.

But partner doesn't have a limit raise - if he did he would have cue-bid. So you pass.

**Deal 5**North Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**11**    **10**  
    7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	Pass	Pass	<b>3 ♠</b>

3 ♠ by North

♠ A Q 8 7 6

♥ 7 3  
♦ K Q J 7  
♣ 9 2

W	N
S	E

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

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

You would have bid 2 ♠ if East had not overcalled.

Instead, with 4 trumps you can jump to 3 ♠ as a preemptive measure. Partner will not mistake this for a limit raise since you would have cue-bid with 11+ points and support.

The jump to 3 is based on the Law of Total Tricks - bidding to a trick level equal to the number of your side's trumps.

**Deal 6**

East Deals

None Vul

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

11 7  
 10 12

♠ Q 10 9

♥ A

♦ 10 9 8 6 2

♣ J 10 4 2

W	N
S	E

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

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

West

North

East

South

1 ♥

1 ♠

2 ♠

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by East

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♥s, 11 points or more.

You, however, have a bare-bones minimum. So you rebid a minimum 3 ♥, which partner passes.

**Deal 7**East Deals  
None Vul

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

**12**  
**6 12**  
**10**

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

West	North	East	South
		1 ♥	1 ♠
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

You have 14 points in support of ♠s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2 ♥, showing a good hand with support and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 3 ♠. What do you say?

4 ♠. Partner's jump shows a good overcall, but not enough strength to insist on game when you might have only 11 points. You have plenty extra so you bid the game.

**Deal 8**

	♠ 7		
West Deals	♥ A K Q 10 5 3		
None Vul	♦ J 5		
	♣ 10 9 8 3		
♠ A K Q 6 4 2	N	♠ J 10 9 8	
♥ 8	W E	♥ J 9 4	
♦ K Q 4	S	♦ A 8 6 2	
♣ K Q 5		♣ A J	
	♠ 5 3		
<b>10</b>	♥ 7 6 2		
<b>19 11</b>	♦ 10 9 7 3		
<b>0</b>	♣ 7 6 4 2		
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	2 ♥	3 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♥	Pass
6 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
6 ♠ by West			

Partner has a limit raise or better in ♠s, 11 points or more.

There is only one thing you want to know now - how many Aces partner holds. So you bid 4 NT to find out. Partner responds 5 ♥. What do you say?

You know you have a loser. Bid 6 ♠.

**Deal 9**West Deals  
None Vul

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

9  
 12 8  
 11

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

♠ 8 6  
 ♥ A 9 8 4  
 ♦ 9 6 5 4  
 ♣ A Q J

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

You have 12 points in support of ♥s; however, partner's overcall does not promise more than 9 points or so.

So you cue-bid 2♣. Since the opponents have bid two suits you can cue-bid either one of them, so you usually pick the one you have the most strength in. Partner bids 2♥. What do you say?

Pass. Partner had a minimum overcall so he made a minimum rebid.

**Deal 10**

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K Q 10 6  
 ♥ Q J 9 7 6  
 ♦ Q J 7 5  
 ♣ —

o  
 11 15  
 14

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



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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1 ♥	2 ♣
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		
6 ♥ by East			

You have about 15 points in support of ♥s so you cue-bid 3 ♣, showing a limit raise or better and forcing partner to bid again. Partner bids 4 ♥. What do you say?

5 ♣. Partner's jump shows a good hand and you have more than you have promised so far. This cue-bid is a different type, showing first round control in ♣s, Ace or void. That was apparently what partner wanted to hear since he went right to slam.