

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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|-----|-----------|
| 8   | ♦ K Q 7 5 |
| 8 9 | ♥ J 8     |
| 15  | ♦ A Q 6   |

West      North      East      South

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| Pass | 2 ♦  | Pass | 2 ♥  |
| Pass | 2 NT | Pass | Pass |

Pass

2 NT by South



|           |            |       |
|-----------|------------|-------|
| ♠ A J 6   | ♦ A 7 5 3  | ♣ 9 6 |
| ♥ A 7 5 3 | ♦ 10 8 3 2 |       |
| ♣ 9 6     |            |       |

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 7 5 2

♥ K 10 3

♦ A 6 4

♣ 7 6 5 2

8  
7 8  
17

♠ K J 10 6 3

♥ 9 6

♦ 9 8 2

♣ K J 4

W N E S

♠ A 9 8

♥ J 7 5 4 2

♦ J 7 3

♣ Q 8

♠ Q 4  
♥ A Q 8  
♦ K Q 10 5  
♣ A 10 9 3West      North      East      South  
                Pass      Pass      1 NTPass      2 ♥      Pass      2 ♠  
Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT

Pass      Pass      Pass

3 NT by South

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

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

8  
 7 8  
 17

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

| <i>West</i> | <i>North</i> | <i>East</i> | <i>South</i> |
|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|             |              |             | 1 NT         |
| Pass        | 2 ♦          | Pass        | 2 ♥          |
| Pass        | 2 NT         | Pass        | 4 ♥          |
| Pass        | Pass         | Pass        |              |

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
 What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of 4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♣s.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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



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

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

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

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

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

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

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

8 7 8  
 17

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|---|---|---|
|   | N |   |
| W |   | E |
|   | S |   |

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

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

West      North      East      South  
     1 NT

Pass      2 ♦  
 Pass      3 ♥  
 Pass      Pass

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
 What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4 ♥.