

Deal 1West Deals
None Vul

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

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♠ 9 7
 ♥ A K 9 6
 ♦ A Q 9 7 4
 ♣ A 5

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ J 6 5 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 2

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♠ A K Q J 3
 ♥ 10 8 7 5
 ♦ K
 ♣ K Q J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1♦	Pass	1♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5♣	Pass	5♦
Pass	5♥	Pass	6♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6♥ by North

Your 2♥ bid is a Reverse, showing 17+ points.

There has been no agreement on trumps, so you assume that South has implicitly agreed to ♥s. So you respond 5♣, showing 4 Key-Cards, three Aces and the ♥K. Partner next bids 5♦. What do you say?

5♦ is the Queen Ask. Partner obviously is thinking about a Grand Slam and wants to know whether you hold the trump Queen (♥Q). Since you do not have the card you return to the agreed trump suit at the lowest level - which is 5♥. Partner now bids 6♥.

Deal 2

West Deals

None Vul

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

♠ K 7
♥ Q J 3
♦ A Q J 10 8 7 5
♣ K

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♦ 6 4 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♥	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass	5 NT	Pass
6 ♦	Pass	7 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		
7 NT by East			

The bidding has been as shown. Yes, you could have jump-shifted on your first bid. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Slam in ♥s is almost certain, but you should check for Key-Cards. You bid 4 NT and partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid next?

Partner shows 1 or 4 Key-cards. Since he jumped on the second round you figure it must be 4. So you have all the Key-Cards. Time to find out about the other Kings, so you bid 5 NT. Partner replies 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has 1 King, the only one left, the ♦ K. You can count about 17 high-card tricks available so you bid 7 NT.

Deal 3

	♠ —		
South Deals	♥ A 10 9 6		
None Vul	♦ K Q J 7 4		
	♣ J 10 8 3		
♠ K 9 7 5 4 3 2	♠ A Q J		
♥ 7	♥ 5 4 2		
♦ A 8 3	♦ 9 6 5 2		
♣ 9 7	♣ 5 4 2		
	♠ 10 8 6		
11 7 7 15	♥ K Q J 8 3		
	♦ 10		
	♣ A K Q 6		
West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♥ by South			

Your 3 ♠ bid is a Splinter, agreeing ♥s as trump, and showing opening hand strength with a singleton or void in ♠s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

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You have one Key-Card, the ♥ A. You also have a ♠ void, but since bidding 6 ♠ would take you above the 6 ♥ level you just respond 6 ♥. Partner will deduce that your void is in ♠s, particularly because you Splintered in that suit. Partner passes your 6 ♥ bid.

Deal 4

	♠ 2		
South Deals	♥ 9 7 6		
None Vul	♦ K 10 9 6 4		
	♣ Q 9 6 3		
♠ K Q J 9 6 5	♠ A 10 8 4 3		
♥ A K	♥ Q 10 8 4		
♦ 8 7 5	♦ —		
♣ A 5	♣ K J 10 2		
	♠ 7		
17 10	♥ J 5 3 2		
8	♦ A Q J 3 2		
	♣ 8 7 4		
West	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
1 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
4 NT	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
7 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
7 ♠ by West			

Partner's 4♦ bid is a Splinter Bid. It shows opening hand strength, at least 4-card ♠ support, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Normally you would not ask for Key-Cards with this ♦ holding. But since you know partner has at most a singleton, and that it is not the singleton ♦A, you are safe to do so. You say 4 NT, partner replies 6♦. What next?

WOW! Partner has one Key-Card and a ♦ void. So the Key-Card is the ♠A. You don't know what the rest of partner's hand is, but he can surely take care of that small ♣. You bid 7♠.