

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10  
♥ A 5 4 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5  
♣ 7 6 4

11  
6 7  
16

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



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

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

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

6 ♠ by South

Your 4 ♦ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing opening hand strength, at least 4 ♠s, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Partner bids 4 NT.

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠ K and the ♣ A. So do you bid 5 ♥?

No. You have two Key-Cards AND a void. So you bid 5 NT. Partner bids 6 ♠.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

13  
3 4  
20

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

Pass

3 ♣

Pass

2 NT

Pass

4 NT

Pass

3 ♥

Pass

Pass

Pass

5 ♥

5 ♥ by South

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



♠ K Q J  
♥ A 10 7 6  
♦ A Q J  
♣ Q J 9

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

Your partner's 2 NT opener is 20-21 points and the 3 ♣ bid is Stayman. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You know of 33 points and you know of an 8-card ♥ fit. The math tells you that 6 ♥ should be a good slam but you might as well check Key-Cards, that's why the convention was invented. So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♥. What do you say?

You say "Darn!" You are missing just one Key-Card, but you are also missing the trump Queen. And with partner holding only a 4-card suit that Queen might well win a trick. Knowing that at best the slam will depend on a trump finesse you pass 5 ♥.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

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

24  
 5 1  
 10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K Q J

♥ A J 10 7

♦ A 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ 7

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ 9 8 3

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♣

Pass

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, so you bid 5 ♣. Partner bids the ♥ slam.

**Deal 4**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

♠ 8 4  
♥ 10 7 2  
♦ 10 7 5 2  
♣ A 9 7 4



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

20  
4 5  
11

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

West	North	East	South
			1 ♠
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
6 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Your partner has shown a minimum opening hand, but with 6 ♠s. You are happy with the 8-card trump fit but need to know about Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner has two Aces and the ♠ Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6 ♠.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

21  
 3 7  
 9

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

7♥ by South

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



♠ 7 6 4 2  
 ♥ K J 9 8 5  
 ♦ K Q 7 4  
 ♣ —

North

2♣

4NT

7♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2♥

6♣

Pass

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2♥. Partner then says 4NT. What is your bid?

The 4NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6♣. Partner goes all the way to 7♥.

**Deal 6**

South Deals  
None Vul

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

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



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

18  
5 2  
15

♠ A 10 9 7  
♥ K J 10  
♦ Q J 10 3  
♣ K J

West	North	East	South
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♠ by South			

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.