

**Deal 1**  
South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 8  
♥ J 7 2  
♦ 8 6 5 2  
♣ K J 6 5 2

11  
5 7  
17

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      2 ♣      Pass      1 NT  
Pass      2 ♥      Pass      2 ♦  
Pass      Pass      Pass      3 NT

3 NT by South

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

You do not have a 4-card Major. So your correct response is 2 ♦. Partner bids 2 ♥.

Partner has described a hand with 4 ♠s and 5 ♥s. You don't know his strength but it must be at least 9 points. You know that you have just a 7-card fit in both Majors, and since you have a full 17 points you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 2**

North Deals

None Vul

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

**♠ K 7**  
**♥ Q J 10**  
**♦ A K 9 5**  
**♣ K J 9 4**



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

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

*West      North      East      South*

1 NT      Pass      2 ♣

Pass      2 ♦      Pass      2 ♥

Pass      4 ♥      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♥ by South

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

Your 2 ♦ response tells partner you have no 4-card Major suit. Then he bids 2 ♥.  
 What do you say next?

Partner knows you do not have 4 ♥s, but he bid the suit anyway. He must have 5 of them and he must also have 4 ♠s (since he used Stayman). But it's the ♥s you are interested in. Partner has 5 and you have 3. So you know of an 8-card Major suit fit. And you also know you have a maximum 1 NT opening. So you say 4 ♥.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

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

8  
7 5  
20

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



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

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

*West      North      East      South*

2 NT

Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♦
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	3 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

3 NT by South

With a balanced 20 points you open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣. What do you bid?

Stayman applies after a 2 NT opening, just one level higher. With no 4-card Major you bid 3 ♦. Partner next bids 3 ♠. What do you bid?

Partner is showing 5 ♠s and 4 ♥s. In neither case would you have the 8-card fit you need. So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

4 7 8  
**21**

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

♠ K J 10 5  
♥ A Q J 9  
♦ A J 9  
♣ K Q

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♣ by South

You open 2 NT and partner responds 3 ♣.  
What do you bid?

With 4 cards in each Major suit you bid 3 ♥. Partner puts you in 3 NT. What do you do? Pass or bid?

You certainly do not pass. Partner's Stayman bid tells you he has a 4-card Major suit. His 3 NT bid tells you the suit was not ♥s. Elementary, Watson, the suit must be ♠s. So you convert the 3 NT bid to 4 ♠.

If you want to make yourself happy you use Stayman, just imagine playing 3 NT after a ♣ lead!