

Deal 1

North Deals	♠ A J 8		
None Vul	♥ K 9 5 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ A Q 9		
♠ 6 5	♠ 9 4 3		
♥ A 4	♥ Q J 10 7 6		
♦ K J 10 8 6 2	♦ 9 3		
♣ 6 5 4	♣ K J 3		
20 8 7 5	♠ K Q 10 7 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 10 8 7 2		
West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 2
East Deals
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4 2
♥ 10 8 4
♦ Q 8
♣ K J 7

♠ K 9 8 3
♥ K Q 2
♦ 10 7 4
♣ 9 5 3

♠ Q 5
♥ 9 7 5 3
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ A 10 2

♠ A 6
♥ A J 6
♦ K J 6 2
♣ Q 8 6 4

West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 NT
1 NT by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

Deal 3

South Deals

None Vul

9
6 8
17

♠ K 9 3

♥ K Q 2

♦ 10 9 7 4

♣ J 5 3

Deal 4

South Deals

None Vul

♠ K 5 2**♥ J 10 9 8 7****♦ 5 2****♣ J 8 2****♠ 7 3****♥ A K 2****♦ K 10 9 4****♣ Q 7 5 3****♠ J 9 8 6 4****♥ 5 4 3****♦ Q 8 6****♣ A 4****♠ A Q 10****♥ Q 6****♦ A J 7 3****♣ K 10 9 6****12
5 7
16***West**North**East**South*

1 NT

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.

Deal 5South Deals
None Vul

♠ K 8 4
 ♥ J 8 4 3
 ♦ 5 3
 ♣ K 5 4 3

7
 7 10
 16



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

♠ J 10 9 6
 ♥ A 6 2
 ♦ Q 8 2
 ♣ Q J 2

♠ A Q 5 2
 ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ A 10 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			1 NT
3 NT by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

You have just 9 points, only 7 of which are HCP. Still, that ♦ suit is very likely to provide 5 or 6 tricks. Take a risk and bid 3 NT.

Deal 6

South Deals	♠ Q J 5
None Vul	♥ K 6
	♦ A Q 7 4
	♣ K J 10 7
♠ K 6	♠ 10 9 8 2
♥ Q 8 7 4 3	♥ 10 5 2
♦ 8 6 3	♦ 10 9 5
♣ 8 5 4	♣ A 9 2

16	♠ A 7 4 3
5 4	♥ A J 9
15	♦ K J 2
	♣ Q 6 3



West	North	East	South
Pass	4 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
4 NT by South			

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid. What do you say?

With partner's 15, 16 or 17 points added to your 16 the total assets are 31, 32 or 33. That's only one chance in 3 of having the points you need for slam. On the other hand you have a pretty good 16. So you bid 4 NT, inviting partner to bid the slam. He will pass if he has only 15, so the worst thing that can happen is that he puts you in slam with only 32 points.

So you bid 4 NT and guess what? He passes.