

Deal 1

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5
♥ A 9 7 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 9 7 4 2



♠ A Q J 10 8
♥ Q J 2
♦ 8 4
♣ Q 5 3

♠ 9 3 2
♥ 8 5
♦ K J 10 7 6
♣ A J 6

♠ K 7 6 4
♥ K 10 6
♦ A 9 5 3
♣ K 8

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by North			

It is your bid.

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 NT.
What do you say next?

With a minimum hand and no singletons
you bid the game immediately. Partner
has nothing to add so he passes.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 7

♥ K J 9 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 3

6
13 14
7
 ♠ 5
 ♥ Q 8 7 4 3 2
 ♦ A 6 3
 ♣ 9 6 5

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 ♠ K Q J 6 2
 ♥ 6
 ♦ K J 7 5
 ♣ A 8 4

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

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

It is your bid.

With 14 points and good 4-card support you bid a Jacoby 2 NT. Partner next bids 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You couldn't hear much worse news. Partner has a singleton ♥ so your ♥ K J are not worth very much. You have nothing to do but return to the trump suit so you bid 4 ♠.

Deal 3
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ 6 3 2 ♥ 8 4 ♦ Q 6 5 3 2 ♣ Q J 5 14 5 8 13	♠ Q J 9 5 ♥ A J 6 3 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 10 4 ♠ 4 ♥ 10 9 7 2 ♦ A 9 ♣ A 9 7 6 3 2 ♠ A K 10 8 7 ♥ K Q 5 ♦ J 10 8 4 ♣ 8
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<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	2 NT	Pass	3 ♣
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

It is your bid.

You have just a little extra so you bid 3 ♣ to show a singleton. Partner says 3 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's bid means he has first round ♥ control, obviously the ♥ A. But it also denies holding the ♦ A since control bids are made up-the-line. You show your lack of a Minor suit Ace by returning to 3 ♠. Partner signs off at game.

You could equally have just bid 4 ♠ yourself.

Deal 4

	♠ 6		
West Deals	♥ A Q 10 8 6 3		
None Vul	♦ 3		
	♣ 9 7 6 4 2		
♠ A Q J 10 8	♠ K 9 4 3		
♥ K 4	♥ 7 2		
♦ 8 4	♦ K Q J 9 5		
♣ A Q 8 3	♣ K J		
	♠ 7 5 2		
16 6	♥ J 9 5		
13 5	♦ A 10 7 6 2		
	♣ 10 5		
West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		
4 ♠ by West			

It is your bid.

With opening hand and 4-card ♠ support this is an ideal Jacoby 2 NT response. Partner says 3 NT.

West has some extra strength and a 5-card ♠ suit. This is the point in the bidding where you would make a control bid, showing an Ace. Well, you would if you actually had an Ace. The way you indicate your lack of a control is to just return the the agreed trump suit. So you bid 4 ♠ and partner passes.