

Deal 1

South Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 6 5 4

♥ Q 6 3

♦ 8

♣ K 7 3 2

12
6
9
13

West

♠ A 7

♥ K 9

♦ K J 9 7 4

♣ J 10 8 5


 ♠ Q 2
 ♥ J 7 5 2
 ♦ A 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 6 4

 ♠ K 10 9 3
 ♥ A 10 8 4
 ♦ Q 10 3
 ♣ A 9

North

East

South

1♦

Pass

3♦

Pass

3 NT

Pass

Pass

Pass

3 NT by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have great ♦ support and perhaps 15 points. The "perhaps" is because partner may have only 3 ♦s, and if you are the long-trump hand any ruffs you take will probably not increase the number of trump tricks your side makes. But still, you have a great hand.

So you bid 3♦. Partner now says 3 NT. What do you bid?

You described your hand very well with your first bid. Partner heard the description and chose 3 NT. Since you trust your partner you pass.

Deal 2

North Deals

None Vul

♠ A K 6 3

♥ K 9

♦ A 8 3

♣ Q 9 7 5

♠ 10 7 2

♥ A J 10

♦ K 7 6 4 2

♣ 4 3

W	N
S	E

♠ Q 4
♥ 8 6 5 3 2
♦ Q J 9
♣ A J 10

♠ J 9 8 5

♥ Q 7 4

♦ 10 5

♣ K 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♣
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	Pass

Pass

3 ♠ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You must make a weak response, and in theory there are 3 weak responses you could make with this hand. You could bid 2 ♣, 1 ♠ or 1 NT. And while none of them would be actually incorrect the best choice is to show your 4-card Major.

You bid 1 ♠. Partner jumps to 3 ♠. What do you say now?

You started with just 6 points, and after discovering the ♠ fit you revalue all the way up to 7 points. Partner has shown 16-18 and that's still not enough for game. You pass.

Deal 3North Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 2
♥ J 5 2
♦ 8 4 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4

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5 9
9

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A 9 3
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 6
♣ Q J

♠ K Q J 7 6 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 7
♣ K 7 3

♠ 8 4
♥ K Q 9 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ 10 8 6 2

West	North	East	South
	1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

Your top priority as responder is to show a Major suit if you have one, so you say 1 ♥. Partner jumps to 3 ♥. What do you say?

Partner knows you may have only 6 points and went to the 3-level anyway. He is inviting you to bid game if you have a bit more than the 6 you promised. You revalue up to T so you have quite a bit more. You accept his invitation and bid 4 ♥.

Deal 4North Deals
None Vul

♠ 2
 ♥ 10 8 3 2
 ♦ A 7 5 3 2
 ♣ 5 4 3

14
4 7
15

♠ Q 10 8 6

♥ —

♦ K Q J 10

♣ K Q J 10 8



♠ A 7 4
 ♥ Q J 9 7 5
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 6 2

♠ K J 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 6 4
 ♦ 9
 ♣ A 9 7

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

5 ♠ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

You have a very big hand. But there is no need to start jumping before you know whether you have a fit. So just bid 1 ♠, partner cannot pass this bid.

Partner now surprises you with a jump to 3 ♠!. What do you bid next?

Wow! Partner has 16 and you have more than that. Slam appears certain, by why not check for Aces? So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♣. What do you say next?

You probably say "Oh Darn!" or perhaps something less printable. But then you just sign off at 5 ♠.

Deal 5
South Deals
None Vul

♠ A J 5 4 2
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ 8
♣ 5 3

♠ K 10 6
♥ 7 5
♦ K Q 9 5 3
♣ 9 7 4

♠ Q 8 7 3
♥ 10 4 2
♦ 7 2
♣ A 10 8 6

N
W E
S

♠ 9
♥ A K 8
♦ A J 10 6 4
♣ K Q J 2

West North East South

Pass 2 ♦ Pass 1 ♦
Pass 5 ♦ Pass 4 ♦
Pass
5 ♦ by South

The bidding is shown. Decide what you would say, then BID.

That is great support, but always remember when supporting a Minor that partner might have only 3 of them. So you bid 2 ♦. Partner jumps to 4 ♦. What do you bid?

You were cautious with your first bid, but that is over now. Partner didn't open with a 3-card suit, he really has ♦s. He bypassed 3 NT in a flash, so he has no interest in playing anywhere but a ♦ contract. He invites you to bid game if you have something extra above the 6 points you already promised. You have a lot more than that, so you bid 5 ♦.