

**Deal 1**

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



13  
4 4  
19

♣ K Q J 5 4

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

You MIGHT say that with 13 points and partner controlling the ♣s you could jump to 2 NT, "To show you my points, partner." You might say it but you won't because your first priority is to look for a Major suit fit. You bid 1 ♥ (skipping ♦s with the two Majors). Partner now jumps to 4 ♥. What do you say?

Partner says you can make game even if you have a minimum 6 points. So he must have about 20. So you think you can make slam and you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♥. What do you bid?

Partner shows 2 Aces so you bid 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

**2**  
**19 14**  
**5**

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

6 NT  
6 NT by East

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

N  
W E  
S

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

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

You dealt this hand.

You have 20 points and it would not be terrible to open 2 NT. However, strictly speaking you shouldn't open 2 NT with two doubletons. So you open 1♦. Partner responds with a jump to 2 NT. What do you bid?

With partner's 13-15 added onto your 20, bidding 6 NT would be a reasonable bid. However, it costs nothing to check for Aces first, so you bid 4♣. (Everybody agrees this is Gerber, right?) Partner answers 4♠. What do you bid?

Easy, missing one Ace you bid 6 NT.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ 9 8 4 2  
♦ Q 5 3 2  
♣ 10 8 5 2

<sup>11</sup>  
<sup>2</sup> 5  
<sup>22</sup>

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♥	Pass	5 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	6 NT
ALL	Pass		
6 NT by South			

♠ A Q J 8 7 3

♥ 6

♦ 10 8 6

♣ A 6 3

N	E
W	S
♠ K 6 4	♥ J 7 3
♦ J 9 7 4	♣ 9 7 4

♠ 10 9 2  
♥ A K Q 10 5  
♦ A K  
♣ K Q J

You dealt this hand.

With 13 points and a good Major suit you naturally open 1 ♠. Partner responds 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

We are playing strong jump-shifts by Responder so partner is showing 17+ points. However, you are still stuck with your minimum opening so you just rebid 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 NT. What is your reply?

He asks for Aces so you bid 5 ♥ showing 2. He now bids 5 NT. What do you say?

You have no King. So you reply 6 ♣ and partner bids 6 NT (safer than 6 ♠).

**Deal 4**  
West Deals  
None Vul

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

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

N  
W E  
S

8  
6 20  
6

♠ J 5 3  
♥ J 10  
♦ 10 8 7 3  
♣ K J 7 6

*West*      *North*      *East*      *South*  
2 ♥      Pass      4 NT      Pass  
6 ♦      Pass      6 ♥      Pass  
Pass      Pass  
6 ♥ by West

You need to find out about Aces so you bid 4 NT. Partner says 6 ♦. What do you bid?

Partner has shown one Ace and a ♦ void. As to what you bid, that's easy. You have no choice now but to say 6 ♥. This is a pretty good slam, but it is not cold. Maybe North will not lead a ♣. Or maybe South will have the ♦ A.

**Deal 5**South Deals  
None Vul

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

**10**  
**1 5**  
**24**



♠ A 10 7  
 ♥ 9 5 2  
 ♦ A 10 8 6  
 ♣ Q 6 3

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

♠ K Q 4  
 ♥ K Q J 3  
 ♦ K Q J 5  
 ♣ A K

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			2 ♣
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	6 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 NT by North

Not everybody responds to 2 ♣ openers the same way. But with 9 balanced points 2 NT is reasonable. Partner jumps to 4 ♣. What do you bid?

With 2 Aces your response is 4 ♠. Partner bids 6 NT and you pass.