

Deal 1

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 8 3
♥ 7 6
♦ K Q J 10 6
♣ K J 4

4
12 11
13

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	Pass

Pass

1 ♥ by North

♠ K 5**♥ J 10 5 3****♦ 9 7 4 2****♣ 8 7 3**

♠ J 10 7 2
♥ Q 4 2
♦ A 5 3
♣ A 9 2

♠ A 9 6 4
♥ A K 9 8
♦ 8
♣ Q 10 6 5

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

You have a perfect hand for a Takeout Double. Singleton in their suit, 4-card support for the other three suits and 13 HCP. You Double. Partner responds 1 ♥. What do you say next?

Yes, you like the ♥s. But remember, you forced partner to bid and his response showed 8 or fewer points. You are not strong enough to consider a game so you pass.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ J 8 5
♥ 9 7
♦ K 9 5 3 2
♣ 10 8 5

3
4 14
19

♠ K 6 2
♥ 10 8 5 3
♦ 8 6 4
♣ 9 6 4



♠ 10 9 7 3
♥ A 4 2
♦ A
♣ K Q J 7 2

♠ A Q 4
♥ K Q J 6
♦ Q J 10 7
♣ A 3

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
		1♣	Dbl
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
3♥ by North			

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

With 19 HCP and a doubleton you certainly double. What do you bid after partner replies 1♥?

You need to make a strong invitation since partner needs very little for your side to have a game. So you bid 3♥. Partner has almost nothing so he passes. Good thing.

Deal 4

West Deals

None Vul

♠ A Q 6 4**♥ 8****♦ J 10 8 2****♣ A 10 7 3****♠ 9 2****♥ A K J 10 9 6****♦ A Q 5****♣ Q J****11
17 3
9****♠ 10 7 5****♥ 4 3 2****♦ K 9 6 4****♣ 9 8 4****♠ K J 8 3
♥ Q 7 5
♦ 7 3
♣ K 6 5 2***West**North**East**South***1 ♥****Dbl****Pass****2 ♠****Pass****Pass****Pass****2 ♠ by South**

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

This is certainly not a great hand, but at least the shape is good. You should strive to get into the bidding whenever possible, and with this hand the only way in is to double. Partner jumps to **2 ♠** and it is your bid again.

Partner shows 9-11 points and a ♠ suit. However, he didn't force you to game, and you barely scraped up the double to begin with. So you pass.

Deal 5East Deals
None Vul

♠ 10 7 5
 ♥ 4 3 2
 ♦ Q 9 6 4
 ♣ 9 8 4

9
 2 15
 14

West

♠ K J 8 3

♥ Q 7 5
 ♦ 7 3

♣ K 6 5 2

W	N
S	E

♠ 9 2
 ♥ A K J 10 9 6
 ♦ K J 5
 ♣ Q J

♠ A Q 6 4
 ♥ 8
 ♦ A 10 8 2
 ♣ A 10 7 3

North East South

1 ♥ Dbl

Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
 Pass Pass Pass
 4 ♠ by North

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

This is almost the hand you held in Deal 4 - just 3 points stronger in ♦s. So you double, and again partner jumps to 2 ♠. What do you bid?

That extra 3 points makes all the difference. With that singleton ♥ your hand is now worth at least 16 points. Add partner's 9, T or 11 and you are at game level. Bid 4 ♠.

Deal 6
East Deals
None Vul

♠ 3
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ 10 2
♣ J 10 6 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ J 10 8 6
♥ K Q 4
♦ A 7
♣ A 9 8 5

West North East South

13
1 12
14

Pass 2 ♦
Pass 4 ♠
Pass

4 ♠ by South

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

You'd really like to have 4-card support for both Majors when you double a Minor. But it's not a requirement. So you double and hear partner respond 2♦. East then chips in with 3♦. What now?

Don't let East's bid bother you, he's just trying to push the envelope. You have a good hand and partner's bid shows 12+ points and is forcing to game. Now you have to find the right game, and the best way to start is by showing a 4-card Major suit. You bid 3♠.

That was what partner needed to hear, he bids 4♠.