

Deal 1

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

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, so you bid 5 ♣. Partner bids the ♥ slam.

Deal 2South Deals
None Vul

♠ 8 4
 ♥ 10 7 2
 ♦ 10 7 5 2
 ♣ A 9 7 4

20
4 5
11

♠ K 10
 ♥ A K 9 8 4
 ♦ K Q 8
 ♣ K Q 6

♠ 9 6 2
 ♥ Q J 3
 ♦ J 9 6
 ♣ J 10 5 3

♠ A Q J 7 5 3
 ♥ 6 5
 ♦ A 4 3
 ♣ 8 2

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

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Your partner has shown a minimum opening hand, but with 6 ♠s. You are happy with the 8-card trump fit but need to know about Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner answers 5 ♠ and it is your bid again.

Partner has two Aces and the ♠ Q. That should be all he needs to make slam so you bid 6 ♠.

Deal 3South Deals
None Vul

♠ 9 5
♥ 2
♦ 10 6 3
♣ A Q J 10 6 5 3

♠ 7 6 4 2
♥ K J 9 8 5
♦ K Q 7 4
♣ —

	N		E	
W				S
9				7 6
7 3				♦ 9 5 2
21				♣ K 9 8 4 2

♠ 10 8 3

♠ A K Q J
♥ A Q 10 4 3
♦ A J 8
♣ 7

West	North	East	South
			2 ♣
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	6 ♣	Pass	7 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

7 ♥ by North

With 11 points and a good suit you should make a positive response. So you bid 2 ♥. Partner then says 4 NT. What is your bid?

The 4 NT bid agrees ♥s as trump. You have one Key-Card, the ♥ K, but you also have a void in ♣s. You therefore answer 6 ♣. Partner goes all the way to 7 ♥.

Deal 4
 South Deals
 None Vul

♠ J
 ♥ 9 5 3 2
 ♦ A 5 2
 ♣ 10 7 4 3 2



♠ K 6 5 2
 ♥ A Q 7 4
 ♦ K 8 6
 ♣ A Q

18
5 2
15

♠ A 10 9 7
 ♥ K J 10
 ♦ Q J 10 3
 ♣ K J

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	2 ♠
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♣
Pass	5 ♦	Pass	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

5 ♠ by South

The bidding has been as shown. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

Partner has 15-17 points and 4 ♠s. You have 18 points and 4 ♠s. You plan to bid the slam, but first you check Key-Cards. So you bid 4 NT. Partner says 5 ♣. What do you bid?

You are missing 1 Key-Card. Slam has become less certain. You decide to see if partner has the trump Queen so you bid 5 ♦. Partner bids 5 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner denies having the ♠ Q. Knowing that the best you could hope for would be a finesse to make the slam you give up your quest and pass.