

**Deal 1**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ Q 9 7 4  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 9 8 6 2  
♣ J 9 6

♠ A 6 5 2  
♥ Q J 5 2  
♦ K J 3  
♣ 8 2



♠ J 3  
♥ 3  
♦ A Q 10 7 5 4  
♣ 10 5 4 3

11  
3 7  
19

♠ K 10 8  
♥ A K 9 8 6 4  
♦ —  
♣ A K Q 7

West	North	East	South
			1 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♣
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 ♣	Pass	6 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	
6 ♥ by South			

Your partner's 3 ♥ is a limit-raise, 11-12 points with ♥ support. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

What you want to know is whether partner holds the ♠ A. If you bid 4 NT and he shows two Key-Cards all will be well, you will know they are the two missing Aces. But if he shows just 1 Key-Card you will be in the soup since you can't tell if that Key-Card is the useful ♠ A or the practically useless ♦ A. So you don't use RKCB, you use control-showing and bid 4 ♣. Partner says 4 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner would have control-bid ♦s if he had the Ace. You may not think that helps but it does since now you can bid RKCB. You bid 4 NT and he answers 5 ♣. What is your next bid?

It was a lot of work but you have figured out that partner holds 11-12 points including one Key-Card which must be the ♠ A. It looks like the slam is a good idea so you say 6 ♥.

**Deal 2**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ 10  
♥ A 5 4 2  
♦ Q 10 8 7 5  
♣ 7 6 4

11  
6 7  
16

♠ K 8 6 5 2  
♥ K J 10 7  
♦ —  
♣ A 9 8 3



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

♠ J 3  
♥ Q 9 6 3  
♦ K J 9 4  
♣ 10 5 2

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 ♠
Pass	4 ♦	Pass	4 NT
Pass	5 NT	Pass	6 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

6 ♠ by South

Your 4 ♦ bid is a Splinter Bid, showing opening hand strength, at least 4 ♠s, and a singleton or void in ♦s. Partner bids 4 NT.

You have 2 Key-Cards, the ♠ K and the ♣ A. So do you bid 5 ♥?

No. You have two Key-Cards AND a void. So you bid 5 NT. Partner bids 6 ♠.

**Deal 3**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ A 10 8  
♥ K 9 8 4  
♦ K 9  
♣ K 10 6 5

♠ 7 5  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ 10 7 5 4 3  
♣ 8 7 3



♠ 9 6 4 3 2  
♥ 5 2  
♦ 8 6 2  
♣ A 4 2

13  
3 4  
20

♠ K Q J  
♥ A 10 7 6  
♦ A Q J  
♣ Q J 9

West	North	East	South
			2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 NT	Pass	5 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
5 ♥ by South			

Your partner's 2 NT opener is 20-21 points and the 3 ♣ bid is Stayman. Decide what you would say next, then on BID above.

You know of 33 points and you know of an 8-card ♥ fit. The math tells you that 6 ♥ should be a good slam but you might as well check Key-Cards, that's why the convention was invented. So you bid 4 NT and partner answers 5 ♥. What do you say?

You say "Darn!" You are missing just one Key-Card, but you are also missing the trump Queen. And with partner holding only a 4-card suit that Queen might well win a trick. Knowing that at best the slam will depend on a trump finesse you pass 5 ♥.

**Deal 4**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 10 9 8 4 2

♥ 6 4 2

♦ J 2

♣ A 5 4

24  
5 1  
10

West

Pass

Pass

Pass

6 ♥ by South

♠ A K Q J

♥ A J 10 7

♦ A 5

♣ K Q 10



♠ 7

♥ K Q 9 8 5

♦ K Q 7 4

♣ 9 8 3

North

2 ♣

4 NT

6 ♥

East

Pass

Pass

Pass

South

2 ♥

5 ♣

Pass

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 5**

South Deals  
None Vul

♠ K 10  
♥ A K 9 8 4  
♦ K Q 8  
♣ K Q 6

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



♠ 9 6 2  
♥ Q J 3  
♦ J 9 6  
♣ J 10 5 3

20  
4 5  
11

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

West	North	East	South
			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 ♠.