

**Deal 1**

West Deals

None Vul

♠ 5  
♥ A 9 7 4 3  
♦ Q 2  
♣ 10 9 7 4 2



♠ A Q J 10 8  
♥ Q J 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ Q 5 3

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

♠ K 7 6 4  
♥ K 10 6  
♦ A 9 5 3  
♣ K 8

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

It is your bid.

You open 1 ♠ and partner responds 2 NT.  
What do you say next?

With a minimum hand and no singletons  
you bid the game immediately. Partner  
has nothing to add so he passes.

**Deal 2**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 9 4 3  
♥ A 10  
♦ Q 10 9 2  
♣ J 10 7 2

**13**  
7 6  
**14**

♠ A 10 8 7

♥ K J 9 5

♦ 8 4

♣ K Q 3

	N	
W	E	
	S	

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

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

*West      North      East      South*

1 ♠

Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 ♥

Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

With 14 points and good 4-card support you bid a Jacoby 2 NT. Partner next bids 3 ♥. What do you say now?

You couldn't hear much worse news. Partner has a singleton ♥ so your ♥ K J are not worth very much. You have nothing to do but return to the trump suit so you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 3**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ 4  
♥ 10 9 7 2  
♦ A 9  
♣ A 9 7 6 3 2

♠ A K 10 8 7

♥ K Q 5

♦ J 10 8 4

♣ 8



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

♠ Q J 9 5  
♥ A J 6 3  
♦ K 7  
♣ K 10 4

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You have just a little extra so you bid 3 ♣ to show a singleton. Partner says 3 ♥ and it is your bid again.

Partner's bid means he has first round ♥ control, obviously the ♥ A. But it also denies holding the ♦ A since control bids are made up-the-line. You show your lack of a Minor suit Ace by returning to 3 ♠. Partner signs off at game.

You could equally have just bid 4 ♠ yourself.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

♠ 6  
♥ A Q 10 8 6 3  
♦ 3  
♣ 9 7 6 4 2

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ K 9 4 3  
♥ 7 2  
♦ K Q J 9 5  
♣ K J

♠ A Q J 10 8

13  
6 5  
16

♦ 8 4

♣ A Q 8 3

West      North      East      South

1 ♠

Pass      2 NT      Pass      3 NT

Pass      4 ♠      Pass      Pass

Pass

4 ♠ by South

It is your bid.

With opening hand and 4-card ♠ support this is an ideal Jacoby 2 NT response. Partner says 3 NT.

South has some extra strength and a 5-card ♠ suit. This is the point in the bidding where you would make a control bid, showing an Ace. Well, you would if you actually had an Ace. The way you indicate your lack of a control is to just return the the agreed trump suit. So you bid 4 ♠ and partner passes.

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

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

<sup>14</sup>  
6 7  
<sup>13</sup>

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

♠ K 9 7 3  
♥ J 7  
♦ K Q 6 5  
♣ K J 8

West	North	East	South
	1 ♠	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♠ by North

It is your bid.

You show an above minimum hand with 6 trumps by bidding 3 ♠. Partner bids 4 ♠. What do you say next?

Partner would have shown a red Ace if he had one. Since he doesn't have one, all thoughts of slam are off. You pass.