

**Deal 1**

West Deals  
None Vul

♠ K Q 4 2  
♥ J 2  
♦ Q J 2  
♣ Q J 10 8

14  
12 3  
11

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♥ by North			

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



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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

Nice hand. But not nice enough to double, then bid your ♥s. So you overcall 1 ♥. Partner says 3 ♥. It is your bid.

The jump raise promises 11-14 points. Your 17 plus partner's 11 or so takes you right up to game. You bid 4 ♥.

**Deal 2**

West Deals

None Vul

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

11  
12 5  
12

♠ 7 2  
♥ Q 8  
♦ J 5 2  
♣ A K J 9 7 2



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

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	2 ♣	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by South			

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

Partner has at least 11 points for his 2-level overcall. He might have as many as 16. You have a perfect invitational hand including two sure stoppers in their suit. So you bid 2 NT. Partner raises to 3 NT and you get to play it there.

**Deal 3**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

18  
11 2  
9

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	1 NT	Pass	2 ♣
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	Pass	Pass
Pass			
3 NT by North			

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



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

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

The bidding has been as shown. It is your bid.

This hand would be one point too strong to Open 1 NT, but it fits the 15-18 range to Overcall 1 NT. Partner responds 2 ♣. What do you bid?

Don't get your systems crossed. Partner did not make a cue-bid, he is using Stayman. Since you have no 4-card Major suit you answer 2 ♦. Partner now says 2 NT and the ball is in your court.

This is just a plain old 1 NT/Stayman sequence. Partner is inviting, and since you have 18 points you accept.

**Deal 4**

East Deals  
None Vul

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

14  
5 11  
10

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



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

♠ 9 2  
♥ 9 5 3 2  
♦ A K 4 3  
♣ A 7 5

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

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

Wow! Great ♠ support and 15 points. You cue-bid 2 ♦, forcing partner to bid. He says 2 ♠. Your turn.

Partner has not made a strong bid and it is possible that T tricks will be too high. But it is pretty likely that game can be made so you bid it. Be bold!