

**Deal 1**

North Deals	♠ A J 8		
None Vul	♥ K 9 5 2		
	♦ A Q 4		
	♣ A Q 9		
♠ 6 5	♠ 9 4 3		
♥ A 4	♥ Q J 10 7 6		
♦ K J 10 8 6 2	♦ 9 3		
♣ 6 5 4	♣ K J 3		
<b>20</b> 8 7 5	♠ K Q 10 7 2 ♥ 8 3 ♦ 7 5 ♣ 10 8 7 2		
West	North	East	South
	2 NT	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass
Pass			
4 ♠ by South			

You dealt so it is your bid. What do you say?

With a balanced 20 point hand you open 2 NT. Partner responds 3 ♠. What do you bid next?

Partner is showing a 5-card ♠ suit and at least 5 points. This is a forcing bid; you are to choose between 3 NT and 4 ♠, depending on your ♠ holding. With three of them you bid 4 ♠.

**Deal 2**  
East Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 4 2  
♥ 10 8 4  
♦ Q 8  
♣ K J 7

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

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

8  
7 10  
15

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

West      North      East      South  
Pass      Pass      Pass      1 NT  
1 NT by South

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

You have 8 points. Even if partner has the maximum 17 it would only add to 25, which is probably not enough to make game. You should pass.

**Deal 3**

South Deals

None Vul

**♠ K 9 3****♥ K Q 2****♦ 10 9 7 4****♣ J 5 3****♠ J 10 8****♥ J 5 4****♦ K J 5 2****♣ 9 8 2****♠ 7 6 5 4****♥ 10 8 6 3****♦ A 6****♣ A 7 6****♠ A Q 2****♥ A 9 7****♦ Q 8 3****♣ K Q 10 4***West**North**East**South*

1 NT

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?

With 9 points you have just enough strength for an invitation. So you bid 2 NT. Partner then says 3 NT and everybody passes.

**Deal 4**

South Deals

None Vul

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

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

West	North	East	South
Pass	3 NT	Pass	1 NT
Pass			Pass
3 NT by South			



♠ J 9 8 6 4
♥ 5 4 3
♦ Q 8 6
♣ A 4

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

A balanced hand with 12 points. Even if partner has just 15 points you want to be in game. So you bid 3 NT.