

Deal 1

South Deals
None Vul

♠ A 9
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5
♣ J 6 5

4
14 7
15

West

Pass

1 ♦ by South

♠ J 8 3
♥ K 8 6 5 4
♦ 6 4 3
♣ 10 9



♠ K 10 5 2
♥ 10
♦ A Q J 10
♣ K Q 7 2

North

Pass

♠ Q 7 6 4
♥ J 7 2
♦ 9 2
♣ A 8 4 3

East

Pass

South

1 ♦

The bidding has been as shown. It is your turn. Decide what you would say, then on "" above.

You have 14 points but so what. You have no 5-card suit to Overcall. You cannot make a Takeout Double with 4 of their suit. So you pass. It is important to realize that there are hands you would open but cannot overcall with.

Deal 2

East Deals

None Vul

♠ K J 6

♥ 8 4

♦ 5 3 2

♣ A 10 9 3 2

10

8 12

10

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ A 7 5 3

♥ K 10 9 3

♦ K 9 6 4

♣ 5



♠ 10 9 2

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ Q J 7

♣ 8 6

North

3 ♥

East

1 ♣

Pass

South

1 ♥

Pass

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

With four trumps and 12 points you have a text-book raise to 3 ♥. Partner had a minimum overcall though, so he passed.

Deal 3

East Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 6 5 2

♥ 4 2

♦ K J 10 4

♣ A 7 2

7
10 12
11

♠ A 7 4 3

♥ K 8 3

♦ 6 3

♣ 9 8 4 3

N
W E
S

♠ 10 9

♥ A Q J 7 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ 6 5

♠ K J 8

♥ 10 9 6

♦ Q 9 2

♣ K Q J 10

*West**North**East**South*

Pass

2 ♥

1 ♣

Pass

1 ♥

Pass

Pass

2 ♥ by South

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

With 12 points and a good suit you have a very solid overcall so you bid 1 ♥. Partner responds 2 ♥. What do you say?

Partner is showing 6-10 points and three trumps. Your hand revalues to 14 at most so you pass.

Deal 4

East Deals

None Vul

♠ A 10 8 5 2

♥ Q 7 6 2

♦ J 10 3

♣ K

7
10 13
10

West

Pass

1 ♠ by South

♠ 6

♥ K J 9 4 3

♦ K 9 4

♣ 8 7 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ K Q J 9 7

♥ 8

♦ Q 6 2

♣ Q 9 4 3

North

Pass

♠ 4 3

♥ A 10 5

♦ A 8 7 5

♣ A J 10 2

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

1 ♠

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

You really don't like partner's ♠s, and you do have 8 points. But 8 points is not enough to be considering game, and you would have to bid your ♥s at the 2-level. All things considered it is better to pass while you still aren't doubled.

Deal 5

East Deals

None Vul

♠ 6 3

♥ 10

♦ K 8 6

♣ A J 9 8 7 4 2

9
8 14
9

West

Pass

Pass

3 ♥ by South

♠ J 7 5 2

♥ A 8 6 3

♦ A 10 2

♣ 10 3



♠ 10 9

♥ K Q J 7 5 2

♦ Q J 7

♣ 6 5

North

3 ♥

East

1 ♠

Pass

South

2 ♥

Pass

♠ A K Q 8 4

♥ 9 4

♦ 9 5 4 3

♣ K Q

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

You overcall 2 ♥ and hear partner raise you to 3 ♥. What do you say now?

No matter how many times you check this hand you cannot revalue it any more than 13 points. Since partner has T at the most you reluctantly pass.

Deal 6

East Deals
None Vul

♠ Q 6 2
♥ 8 6
♦ Q J 8 6
♣ Q J 5 4

6
8 13
13

West

2 ♦

Pass

2 ♠ by South

♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 10 7
♣ 9 8 3 2



♠ A K 9 7 5
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 5 3
♣ K 7

North

2 ♠

East

1 ♦

Pass

South

1 ♠

Pass

♠ 10 4
♥ Q 7 5 4
♦ A K 4 2
♣ A 10 6

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

With only 7 points you might not think you have enough to make a "free bid". But in competitive bidding situations like these, where both sides have a fit, bidding is usually better than passing. So you bid 2 ♠.

You might look at the Law of Total Tricks lesson for more on this subject.