

**Deal 1**

North Deals

None Vul

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

15  
9 8  
8

	N	
W		E
	S	

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

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

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1 NT	Pass	2 ♦
Pass	2 ♥	Pass	2 NT
Pass	Pass	Pass	
2 NT by North			

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
What do you bid?

This is an easy one. Partner has commanded you to say 2 ♥. So you say 2 ♥. Partner now bids 2 NT.

What is your bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points or a good 16. You don't.

So you pass.

**Deal 2**

East Deals	♠ A 9 8
None Vul	♥ J 7 5 4 2
	♦ J 7 3
	♣ Q 8
♠ K J 10 6 3	♠ Q 4
♥ 9 6	♥ A Q 8
♦ 9 8 2	♦ K Q 10 5
♣ K J 4	♣ A 10 9 3



8	♠ 7 5 2
8 17	♥ K 10 3
7	♦ A 6 4
	♣ 7 6 5 2

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid?

Naturally you say 2 ♠. Partner comes back with 2 NT.

What do you bid?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♠. He asks that you take him back to ♠s if you have 3 of them. You don't. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 3 NT.

**Deal 3**South Deals  
None Vul

♠ J 10 7 5  
 ♥ A 4  
 ♦ J 9 6  
 ♣ J 7 3 2

8  
 7 8  
 17

N  
 W E  
 S

♠ 9 3  
 ♥ Q J 10 6 2  
 ♦ 7 5 3  
 ♣ K Q 4

♠ K Q 8 4  
 ♥ K 9 3  
 ♦ 10 8 4 2  
 ♣ 6 5

<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
			1 NT
Pass	2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 NT	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	

4 ♥ by South

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
 What do you bid?

Partner's command is your wish - you say 2 ♥.

He now bids 2 NT. What do you say?

Partner's bidding shows 9 points and exactly 5 ♥. He asks that you take him back to ♥s if you have 3 of them. You do. He is asking you to bid game if you have 17 points. You do.

So you bid 4 ♥.

With your 3-3-3-4 distribution you might have been tempted to bid 3 NT instead of 4 ♥. It's a good thing you didn't, they would have killed you in ♣s.

**Deal 4**

West Deals  
None Vul

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

<sup>11</sup>  
**15** 7  
7

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

	N	
W		E
	S	

♠ A K 9 7 5 3  
♥ 8 4 2  
♦ 5 3  
♣ 7 6  
♠ Q 10 8 4  
♥ 10 6  
♦ J 10 9 6 4  
♣ A 10

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

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♥.  
What do you bid?

The initial response to a transfer is really easy. You bid 2 ♠.

But what do you bid after partner then says 3 ♠?

Partner has 6 ♠s and you have 2. So a ♠ contract is fine.

Partner has 9 points and you have 15. So a game contract is too high.

You pass. And you're going to have to play great to make even 9 tricks!

**Deal 5**

North Deals

None Vul

♠ Q 9 4 2

♥ 4 3

♦ A 8 6

♣ Q 10 7 4

8<sup>17</sup>  
8  
7

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



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

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

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

Pass

4 ♥ by North

You open 1 NT and partner responds 2 ♦.  
What do you bid?

You follow orders and say 2 ♥.

Partner follows up with 3 ♥. What do you bid next?

Partner has 9 points and 6 ♥s. You have 17 points and 3 ♥s. That adds up to 26 points and 9 ♥s. You have enough points for game and enough trumps to play ♥s so you bid 4 ♥.