

# Practise Key Card Blackwood

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**Answer: 5♥**

We don't have anything to spare for our opening bid, but we must trust that partner knows what he is doing. We have 2 key cards so we bid 5♥.

**Answer: 5♥**

Partner's 4NT is assumed to agree clubs. We have two key cards (♦A and ♣K), so we bid 5♥.

**Answer: 6♥**

Partner is asking us for non-trump kings on the (simple) Blackwood principle. We show that we have two by bidding 6♥.

**Answer: 6♥**

Partner's 5♦ is showing one key card. We have three key cards so with just one missing we bid 6♥.

**Answer: 5♠**

Partner's 5♦ bid shows one key card. We have two key cards so with two missing we sign off in 5♠.

**Answer: 4NT**

With 19 points, we probably want to be in 6NT opposite a maximum 1NT opening. With no agreed suit, a bid of 4NT in this situation is a natural invitation to 6NT, not RKCB.

<b>Hand: 7</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b>				<b>South</b> ♠ 4 ♥ Q J 7 4 ♦ A K Q 8 6 ♣ K 8 6
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	
			1♦	
Pass	1♥	Pass	3♥	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	
<b>Hand: 8</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b>				<b>South</b> ♠ 2 ♥ K 9 7 6 2 ♦ A K 9 5 ♣ K Q 7
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	1♣	Pass	1♥	
Pass	3♥	Pass	4NT	
Pass	5♦	Pass	?	
<b>Hand: 9</b> <b>Dealer: North Vul: None</b>				<b>South</b> ♠ A 5 4 ♥ K 7 2 ♦ A Q J 4 ♣ 10 9 6
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	1♥	Pass	2♦	
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<b>Hand: 10</b> <b>Dealer: South Vul: None</b>				<b>South</b> ♠ A K J 6 ♥ A 10 4 ♦ K 7 2 ♣ K Q 9
<b>West</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	
			2NT	
Pass	4NT	Pass	?	

**Answer: 5♦**

With only one ace and lacking the king of the agreed trump suit, we bid 5♦ to show 1 or 5 key cards.

**Answer: 5♥**

Partner has shown one key card and we have two. That's two missing so we sign off in 5♥.

**Answer: 4NT**

In this sequence, a raise of NT to 4NT is natural and quantitative, not RKCB. Partner's 3NT typically shows 17-19 points. If partner has 19 points, 6NT could be a good contract.

**Answer: Pass**

A raise of NT to 4NT is normally natural and quantitative, not RKCB. This certainly applies immediately over a 1NT or 2NT opening. With a minimum 20 points, we're happy to reject partner's invitation to 6NT.