

# Slam Bidding for Beginners



## Quantitative Slam Bidding

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**Answer: 4♥**

With a 6 card major and game points we bid game in the major (partner has a balanced hand so will have at least 2 hearts).

**Answer: 6NT**

Our 21 points opposite partner's 12-14 add up to a combined 33-35 points. This is enough for a small slam, but not enough for a grand. There's no point in asking for aces because the opponents can't have two aces if they have no more than 7 points between them.

**Answer: 7NT**

Our 17 points opposite partner's minimum of 20 are enough for a grand slam.

**Answer: 4NT**

With 19 points we might well make 6NT if partner is maximum. We therefore invite game by jumping to 4NT, which is quantitative rather than Blackwood when bid immediately over a NT bid.

**Answer: 6NT**

Partner's 4NT is quantitative (invitational), not Blackwood. With a maximum for our 1NT opening we jump to 6NT.

**Answer: 6NT**

Partner's 4NT is quantitative (invitational). With 21 points and a good 5 card suit we're strong enough to jump to slam.

**Answer: Pass**

Partner's 4NT is quantitative (invitational). With a poor 21 points we're not strong enough to jump to slam.

**Answer: Pass**

Partner's 4NT is quantitative (invitational), not Blackwood. With a minimum for our 1NT opening we just pass.

**Answer: 4NT**

With 11 points we might well make 6NT if partner is maximum. We therefore invite game by jumping to 4NT, which is quantitative rather than Blackwood when bid immediately over a NT bid.

# Basic Blackwood

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## Basic Blackwood

**Answer: 5♦**

With one Ace, the correct response to Blackwood is 5♦

**Answer: 4NT**

We have 14 points and partner is showing 19+, or perhaps slightly fewer with compensating distribution. The partnership therefore has enough values to make 6♥, but there's still a possibility that we're missing two aces. We therefore use Blackwood to check how many Aces partner holds.

**Answer: 4NT**

Partner has shown about 16-18 points with 6+ diamonds. With our 15 points, strong diamond support and good distribution there's a good chance that we can make 6♦, but there might sometimes be two aces missing. We therefore use Blackwood.

**Answer: 4♠**

It's most unlikely that partner will be able to cover five of our six losers. We therefore settle for game.

**Answer: 5♦**

We show one ace in response to Blackwood.

**Answer: 5♥**

We show two aces in response to partner's Blackwood enquiry.

**Answer: 6♥**

With only one ace missing we proceed to the small slam.

**Answer: 6♦**

Partner has shown two aces, so there's one missing. We therefore sign off in 6♦.

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♠ A K 7 6 5 3			
♥ 6			
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♣ K 8 2			

**Answer:** Pass

Partner has only one ace, so two are missing. We therefore settle for game in diamonds.