

Slam Bidding

Quantitative Slam Bidding

Choose your next bid

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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.

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| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | ♥ 6 |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4NT | ♦ K Q 4 |
| Pass | 5♥ | Pass | ? | ♣ K 8 2 |
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| | 1♦ | Pass | 1♠ | ♥ 6 |
| Pass | 3♦ | Pass | 4NT | ♦ K Q 4 |
| Pass | 5♦ | Pass | ? | ♣ K 8 2 |

Answer: 6♦

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

Answer: Pass

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