



## Lesson 43 Examples

### A slam hand

♠A54			
♥A3			
♦AKQJ103			
♣K8			
<table><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>	N	W E	S
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W E			
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♠KQ98762			
♥KJ954			
♦5			
♣-			

On these hands you can make 7♠.

You have **controls** in every non-trump suit: ♥A, ♦A and a void in clubs

As well as controls you need to have enough **winners**

Here you have 7 trump, 2 hearts and at least 5 diamonds - more than enough

This deal comes from the 1995 World Championships, and it is a matter of record that many of the expert pairs did not have the methods to bid the Grand Slam

### The Cue-bid

♠ AQ9762	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
♥ 85	1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
♦ AKQ43	?			
♣ -				

Partner has shown spade support and 10 or 11 points.

You certainly have the values for game, and slam is in the air

We start with 4♣, *a cue-bid* which promises **control** in clubs.

Here are two East hands to put beside this West hand:

♠ AQ9762	a)	♠ K1043	b)	♠ K1043
♥ 85		♥ QJ6		♥ AJ6
♦ AKQ43		♦ 105		♦ 105
♣ -		♣ A972		♣ Q972
	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>
	1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
	4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

With no heart control East-West do not bid above 4♠.

When East cuebids 4♥ West knows 6♠ should make

NB: 4♣ in this auction cannot be a suggestion that we play in clubs: spades are the agreed trump suit.  
 4♣ says: "we must play in at least game, since I did not pass 3♠, but I have such a good hand that I think there may be a slam. Please cuebid any first round control you have."



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### Some examples of cue-bidding

♠ AK6	<table><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>			N	W E	S
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W E						
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♥ AK9532						
♦ -						
♣ Q1087						
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>			
1♥	2♦	3♥	Pass			
???						

Hearts are agreed by the limit response at the 3-level. So West's 3♠ is a **cue-bid**. If East has ♣A or a club void he cuebids 4♣. With no club control but ♦A he bids 4♦. With no first round controls he bids 4♥. If he bids 4♦ or 4♥ West knows there is no club control, so he **signs off** in 4♥.

**Note that you cue-bid 3♠, not 4♦.**

**Always cue in the cheapest available suit**

This allows partner to cuebid in return.

♠ Q1087	<table><tr><td>N</td></tr><tr><td>W E</td></tr><tr><td>S</td></tr></table>			N	W E	S
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W E						
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♥ AK9532						
♦ -						
♣ AK6						
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>			
1♥	2♦	3♥	Pass			
4♣	Pass	??				

This time West has no spade control. He bids 4♣, his cheapest control. If East has no spade control either he **signs off** in 4♥. If he has spade control he can bid 4♠.

Note that East knows West has no spade control yet he is making a slam try, so he must have a good hand. He **must** sign off with no control in spades, but should bid 4♠ if he has a control. When we 'skip' a suit we **deny** control in it.

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♥AQ9632										
♦AK4										
♣Q5										
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>							
-	-	1♠	Pass							
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass							
???										

With hearts agreed you can bid 4♦ to show:

- 1) interest in playing in 6♥
- 2) no control in spades or clubs

therefore control in diamonds and good trump (otherwise how could you be interested in slam?)

### When not to cuebid.

♠AJ10862	<table><tr><td colspan="2">N</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">S</td></tr></table>				N		W	E	S	
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♥94										
♦AK										
♣KJ6										
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>							
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass							
???										

This is a good hand, improved by partner's raise, which allows you to add distribution points.

**But you cannot have slam interest opposite a**

**weak response**, so no cuebid, just sign off in 4♠

A new suit at the 3-level over a weak response is a **game try** suggesting there may be game if partner is maximum

♠A7	<table><tr><td colspan="2">N</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">S</td></tr></table>				N		W	E	S	
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♥KJ75										
♦AQ106										
♣1093										
<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>	<i>South</i>							
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass							
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass							
???										

This time you have bid your hand by opening 1NT. You are maximum, but partner is in charge.

He has made no slam try, so you cannot either.

**When you have made a limit bid you can co-operate in a slam try, but not initiate one**