

When is 4NT natural? Write down as many situations as you can think of in which 4NT is a natural bid in your system (for example, 1NT-4NT).

Possible answers

- Raise of 1NT opening; raise of 2NT opening; raise of any rebid in notrump; raise of 1NT overcall; raise of natural 2NT overcall.
- No suit has been agreed and there is room to agree suits below game. Typically this occurs in fourth-suit auctions, e.g. 1♠-2♥-3♣-3♦-4NT
- We agree a minor, then bid a non-forcing 3NT.
- The opponents open four of a minor.
- The opponents open four of a minor, partner doubles for takeout.
- The opponents open at the three level and we overcall four of a minor.

How do you continue over a natural bid of 4NT (e.g. 1NT-4NT)? If your continuations are different in different auctions, say so.

Possible answers

- Show aces, just in case (in minor-suit auctions, respond to KCB)
- Bid four-card suits upwards
- Bid five-card suits only (or jump to six of a minor with a six-card suit)
- Combine the above in some way (e.g. by bidding 5♣ as Blackwood, and using 5NT to show clubs in either of the “natural” schemes)
- If 4NT was a natural overcall, use Stayman / transfers / 5NT pick a slam

What is 4NT if it isn't natural? Write down as many situations as you can think of in which 4NT is not natural, and say what it is (for example, 1H-4NT is keycard Blackwood in hearts). Include situations in which the opponents enter the bidding (for example, what does a 4NT overcall of a natural 4♦ opening by an opponent mean?)