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If a support fit has already been established, 4NT is always Blackwood. However, if a fit hasn't yet been established, sometimes you need to stop and think!

- Certain bids specifically imply a fit : Splinter, a jump fit and especially a Texas rectification jump bid, so when 4NT is bid this is Blackwood..
- After a 1C0 opening bid and a fit hasn't yet been established and your P bids 4NT ... this is Blackwood. Your P is fitted and doesn't want to give the Opps bidding space to find a "sack" contract.
- In certain bidding sequences, your P doesn't have the bidding space for a forcing Slam bid, when he bids 4NT this is Blackwood and implies a support fit.

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♣			



Exercise E9761 5♦ using 30-41. P doesn't have any bidding space for a forcing support ♠ bid... This is Blackwood.

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥			



Exercise E9764 5♠ using 30-41. P doesn't want Opps to find a ♠ contract. It's important to bid Blackwood directly when it's a lower ranked suit.



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The following 4NT bids aren't never Blackwood :

- After a Stayman or a Texas bid and no established fit, 4NT is always quantitative.
- After a NT Game invitation, 4NT is always quantitative.

A	J	A	8	5	3	A	J	9	Q	10	4	2
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♦			

6	4	3	K	7	K	Q	10	A	K	J	9	8
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E6006 After a Stayman bid with an established fit, 4NT is a quantitative bid.

K	8	3	A	Q	10	9	8	K	5	K	9	7
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

S	W	N	E
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 NT	Pass
6 ♥			

A	7	5	4	K	J	7	A	8	6	4	A	8
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦

Exercise E6031 After a NT Game invitation, 4NT is a quantitative bid.