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Is a pre-empt which needs :

- a strength of 10HCP approx
- a minor suit with 7 leading tricks (and not 8 !)
- and.... nothing anywhere, meaning no outside (in another suit) Kings or Aces

Be Careful!

Don't open 3NT with an outside Ace or a King (in another suit) or a void.

Exemple

S	W	N	E
3 NT			

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

Problem E1319 : 3NT : 12HCP, 7 leading diamond tricks and nothing else.

S	W	N	E
4 ♦			

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

Problem E5164 :Don't open 3NT with 8 leading tricks in one suit



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Following bids after a 3NT opening

- With honors in the other suits and therefore the possibility to play NT, Responder passes.
- Without the possibility to play 3NT, but the strength to go for Game in Opener's minor, Responder bids Game in ♣ and if this isn't Opener's minor he rectifies to 5♦. (Responder has both minors)
- Without the possibility of being able to play 3NT and your minor is ♣, bid 4♣. If Opener's minor is ♣ he passes, if not he bids 4♦.

S	W	N	E
		3 NT	Pass
5 ♣	Pass		

K	Q	6	4	A	K	6	5	2	A	9	7	5
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E4487 Your P has 7 leading ♣ tricks. You have 4 leading tricks in your hand. So together you have 11. But only if the contract is ♣.

S	W	N	E
		3 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Q	J	6	Q	J	6	4	5	4	3	A	Q	4
♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

[Exercise E4490](#)

Pass Take your chance ! Your partner has an established 7 card minor suit et no side Ace. To succeed the Mzain option is to win the Diamond King finesse ... unless défense lets you in the meantime establish a trick in a Major