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- Once your pair has the majority of HCP, and overall when your opponents are vulnerable, give preference to a punitive rather than trying to find a part contract. Most of the time, it will be fruitful for you.
- In some bidding sequences, a double is always punitive. That's the case after a 1NT overcall of your opponents and a level 2 response from your partner. That's also the case after your partner's preemptive opening, after a redouble, or when the opponents have named a suit you have called in a take-out double.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	1 NT
X			



Problem E1031 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** Your pair holds more points than your opponents...



S	W	N	E
		2 ♥	3 ♦
X			



Problem E8570 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** Almost too good to be true !



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After your partner's preemptive opening and an overcall, the responder's double is always punitive !

The is no Sputnik double after a preemptive opening.

Q ♠	8 ♠	6 ♠	8 ♥	A ♣	Q ♣	J ♣	10 ♣	6 ♣	5 ♣	4 ♣	8 ♦	5 ♦
S			W			N		E				
						3 ♣		3 ♥				
x												
A ♠	9 ♠	7 ♠	K ♥	J ♥	9 ♥	5 ♥	2 ♥	7 ♣	A ♦	9 ♦	7 ♦	6 ♦

Problem E8568 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** Doubling an overcall after the partner preemptive opening is always punitive.

8	6	5	4	A	K	Q	J	10	6	5	10	7
♠	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦
S			W		N		E					
					3 NT		4 ♠					
X												
Q	J	9	4	A	K	J	7	7	Q	9	5	4
♠	♠	♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problem E8569 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** You know your partner holds 7 leading ♣ cards.... Your opponent wanted to fight.. you are ready !



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- After his partner's shift at level 2, the opener's double is punitive.
- After a 1NT overcall, the responder's double is punitive.
- After you or your partner has redoubled, any double is punitive.

S	W	N	E
		1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	2 ♥	X	Pass
Pass			

6	2	10	4	A	9	8	6	A	K	10	9	7
♠	♠	♥	♥	♣	♣	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦	♦	♦

Problème E1366

PASSE Après votre changement de couleur au palier de 2, l'ouvreur sait que votre camp est majoritaire. Il punit l'adversaire imprudent en passant !

S	W	N	E
1 ♥	X	XX	2 ♦
X			

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

PROBLEM E1021 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** After a redouble (10 HCP and above) all doubles are punitive.



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A "double over" is not always punitive.

A "double over" is a double in response to a take-out double.

- It is punitive when the opponent has named a suit which was called by the take-out double.
- It is not punitive but asking for a take-out when the opponents have supported the same suit.

S	W	N	E
	1♦	X	1♠
X			

A♠	J♠	9♠	8♠	7♥	4♥	2♥	A♣	8♣	7♣	4♣	3♦	2♦
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Problem E4739 **PUNITIVE DOUBLE** After your take-out double, your partner's double is punitive as far as the responder has named one of suits you've called.

5♠	4♠	8♥	6♥	5♥	K♣	Q♣	9♣	8♣	A♦	J♦	10♦	4♦
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S	W	N	E
			1♥
X	2♥	X	Pass
3♦	Pass	Pass	

K♠	J♠	10♠	7♠	7♥	2♥	A♣	10♣	7♣	K♦	Q♦	9♦	8♦
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Problem 9092 **TAKE-OUT DOUBLE** West hasn't named one of the suits you called, he just raised his partner's suit. Therefore, your partner's double is a take-out double. Name your ♦ !