



Responding to a level 3 preemptive bid (TR or CA)

Responding to a level 3 preemptive opening. REMINDER

- Your partner hasn't got Ace, K and Q 7th... he would have opened 3 NT...but he is bringing 5 or 6 tricks in his suit
- Any shift is forcing, except at game level.
- Any raise is not a game proposal, but an extension of the preemptive bid ; the opener shall pass.

Responding to a preemptive opening is a matter of common sense : count the tricks and pay attention to the vulnerabilities.

- Count your pair's tricks
- Choose the contract level : don't forget that if you choose to play a sacrifice contract, you will be doubled !

S	W	N	E
		3 ♣	Pass
Pass			

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

Exercise E1612 No support, no stoppers : PASS !

S	W	N	E
		3 ♣	Pass
3 ♥			

A	K	K	Q	10	8	6	5	10	4	A	4	2
♠	♠	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥	♣	♣	♦	♦	♦

Exercise E1616 You must name your beautiful suit. You'd rather try to play 4 ♥ than 5 ♣. Your shift is forcing. If your partner holds 2 ♥ cards, he'll let you know.



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Responses to a 3 ♣ or 3 ♦ preempt opening

Do not bid 3 SA with 2 small cards in the 7 card suit of your partner. The risk of not being able to establish it is too high !If you bring 5 high card tricks, support your partner to game at 5 level Your partner will surely bring you at least 6 tricks.



S	W	N	E
		3 ♣	Pass
5 ♣			



[Problème E9415](#)

5 ♣ and definitely not 3NT !Your singleton jack is very likely to prevent communications with the dummy.

S	W	N	E
		3 ♣	Pass
3 NT			



[Problème E1619](#)

3 NT Definitely the best game to bid !Your club will produce 7 tricks...the contract is cold on the Major suit lead you are expecting.The opps only have 3 cards in ♣ : Communication with the dummy should not be a problem



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Bluffing after a minor preempt

If you feel the opponents might have a slam or a game in a major suit, try to complicate their life...

- In this case, do not extend the preempt...bid 3 NT... Yes, indeed
 - If you are doubled, get back to your partner's suit at level 4 or 5 depending on the sacrifice you plan to make! When doing so, remember you'll most probably be doubled
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Exercise E9419 Here your opponents might have a major slam. Bid 3 NT and wait ! If your opponents double, bid 5 ♣... hard time for them !

Exercise E9422 Here again, your opponents might have a slam (they are void in ♣). Bid 4 NT, and after a double or your partner's answer bid 6 ♣ !
