

DYNAMIC TRIOS

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Love and marriage go together like the horse and carriage. And, inevitably, death and taxes, body and soul, and the birds and the bees come in pairs, as do bread and butter, kit and caboodle, and rest and relaxation.

Now let's go one up and consider famous triplets - threesomes that often hang around together, like red, white, and blue. In each of the dynamic trios listed below, I have supplied the last item, and I challenge you to identify the other two. All answers appear in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

We'll start with triple plays arranged in the most common pattern (a, b, and c):

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| 1. listen | 25. evermore shall be |
| 2. 'rithmetic | 26. l |
| 3. charity | 27. beads |
| 4. clothing | 28. candle |
| 5. for the people | 29. gas |
| 6. the pursuit of happiness | 30. serial number |
| 7. tears | 31. able |
| 8. collected | 32. pop |
| 9. delivered | 33. nothing but the truth |
| 10. child | 34. in the air |
| 11. barrel | 35. roll |
| 12. sinker | 36. rock and roll |
| 13. jump | 37. superego |
| 14. myrrh | 38. judicial |
| 15. everywhere | 39. apple pie |
| 16. yon | 40. obey |
| 17. away | 41. baby bear |
| 18. tomato | 42. tattooed |
| 19. be merry | 43. Corinthian |
| 20. song | 44. Holy Ghost |
| 21. handsome | 45. Chevrolet |
| 22. handsome | 46. <u>the Wardrobe</u> |
| 23. wise | 47. <u>the Ugly</u> |
| 24. countrymen | |

Just between you, me, and the lamp post (there's another one), here are many more dynamic trios that occur in a variety of non-standard patterns (a, b, c; a, b, or c; a and b and c). Again you are to supply the first two items:

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| 48. speak no evil | 49. vici |
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| 50. fraternity | 63. mineral |
| 51. action! | 64. thing |
| 52. fire! | 65. draw |
| 53. toe | 66. show |
| 54. scissors | 67. indifferent |
| 55. go | 68. steal |
| 56. go | 69. milk |
| 57. gone | 70. mutilate |
| 58. Indian chief | 71. butts |
| 59. the candlestick maker | 72. bears |
| 60. it's Superman! | 73. everything nice |
| 61. c's | 74. puppydog tails |
| 62. thank you, ma'am | 75. red (read) all over |

Becoming more proper in our choice of nouns, let's look at some famous names that hang around together in threes. In each case, supply the first two names. All but the last question involves the formula a, b, and c.

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| 76. Harry | 84. Jacob |
| 77. Louie | 85. Aramis |
| 78. Cottontail | 86. Nod |
| 79. Ollie | 87. the Santa Maria |
| 80. Mary | 88. Santa Fe |
| 81. Nash | 89. Jutes |
| 82. Abednego | 90. Chance |
| 83. Jack | |

QUERY

*Jeff Grant of Hastings, New Zealand is working on a new ten-square, and would like some research help from **Word Ways** readers. Can anyone (1) verify the existence of a Neale Drive, Heale Drive, or S-ale Drive; (2) locate an organization or newsletter called Brassl-nes; (3) find in a telephone directory a real-life person named Peg, Ted, or Deb R-nsler? All hyphens, of course, can be filled in with any desired letter.*