

## Words, words, words

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Boy, oh boy, oh boy; isn't it weird that so many things come in threes? That a lot of letters like to stick together in threesomes, from abc to xyz, from OMG to WTF? Is it because we live on the third planet from the sun, sustained by the sun, moon and earth with animals, vegetables and minerals on land, sea and air, in the states of solid, liquid and gas, in three dimensions, and in the time space of past, present, and future? Could it be that for every Tom Dick and Harry, for every small medium and large father, mother, and child who's bare necessities are food, shelter and clothing, there's a morning, noon and night for our three meals of breakfast, lunch and dinner eaten with a knife, spoon, and fork?

The Holy Book is loaded with references to biblical accounts of faith, hope, and charity starting with the holy trinity of the Father Son and Holy Ghost; of the three wise men bearing three gifts to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; of the three denials of Peter; the three victims of the crucifixion, and the resurrection of Jesus three days after his death - at the age of 33.

Our literature is loaded with famous trinities from fairytale trios like the three bears, three little pigs, three blind mice to the three musketeers and the three stooges. The number three also pops up in Greek mythology with Zeus ruling the sky with his three-forked lightning bolt, Poseidon the sea with his trident and the three-headed dog guarding the gates of Hades.

Then we have the three primary colors of red, blue and yellow and our red, white, and blue country with its three branches of government. There's Newton's three laws of motion and the three strikes law. Even many of our jokes are based on a triad of characters like those about a priest, a minister and a rabbi going into a bar or the ones about a physicist, an engineer and a mathematician; and the many stories involving a genie's three wishes.

So if you didn't swallow this article hook, line and sinker; and you're not ready willing and able to see the good, the bad and the ugly of the word trifectas, then I've failed from the beginning, middle and end to clearly present the breadth, length and width of these word triplets. If so, then the blame is strictly on me, myself, and I.

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