

Non-metric Same Endings - Triplet Edition (Solution)

Note: This puzzle will give you the keyword you will need to provide on Wednesday's lunch to receive your next set of puzzles.

Okay, so this seems pretty weird until you notice that there are 3 columns and 27 words per column, giving 81 total words. All of these are powers of three, which makes sense since this is "triplet edition." Anyways, if we look at the rest of the title, it says same endings, which should mean that certain groups of words should have common endings. In fact, every triplet should have common endings.

This quickly makes sense. For example, the first three words - jig, scroll, and see - all can be appended by "saw" - jigsaw, scroll saw, seesaw. Using this logic, we boil the 81 words to 27 words:

Jig, Scroll, See → Saw
Team, Clock, Net → Work
Rat, Amazing, Endurance → Race
Desert, Midnight, Rising → Sun
Steam, Bridal, Freight → Train
Color, Cable, Public → TV
Line, Bar, Tele → Graph
Breaking, Bad, Daily → News
Dry, Brick, Great → Wall
Minute, Farm, Left → Hand
Sewing, Slot, Time → Machine
Big, Head, Penalty → Shot
African, South, Latin → American
Ghost, Egg, Snow → White
Distress, Radio, Smoke → Signal
Skate, Ironing, Key → Board
Country, Yacht, Rotary → Club
Soviet, Credit, Labor → Union
Paid, Tropical, On → Vacation
Rock, Ethnic, Focus → Group
Bed, Book, Foot → Rest
Roll, Hang, Voice → Over
Second, White, Shotgun → Wedding
Expiry, Blind, Due → Date
Nuclear, Taxonomic, Extended → Family
Reality, Talent, Quiz → Show
Spider, Squirrel, Howler → Monkey

Now what? Well, since we have nothing else to do, let's take these words in triplets and repeat the entire process again!

Saw, Work, Race → Horse
Sun, Train, TV → Set
Graph, News, Wall → Paper
Hand, Machine, Shot → Gun
American, White, Signal → Flag
Board, Club, Union → Member
Vacation, Group, Rest → Home
Over, Wedding, Date → Night
Family, Show, Monkey → Business

And again...

Horse, Set, Paper → Back
Gun, Flag, Member → Ship
Home, Night, Business → School

One last time!

Back, Ship, School → Yard

Thus, our keyword is **YARD**... non-metric after all?