

CASE NAME: TRIBOND
ATTENDING OFFICER(S): CHRIS MOORE
BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME LOCATION: BACK BAY

SOLVED!



Answer: STATION

This puzzle is about tribonds...three words that are related by a common word. The goal is to take the 27 starting words and group them into 9 groups of three. Each group produces a new word, which is the common bond between the three. From those 9, you do this again to form three new words, and then finally a single answer.

The first step is to identify the pictures. Hopefully you noticed that they are in alphabetical order. This is to aid identification of pictures with multiple reasonable answers.

Accident	Alarm	Back	Battery	Beer	Bone	Bottle	Bus	Dog
Face	Garbage	Grandfather	Hock	Keys	Laugh	Lottery	Oil	Oxygen
Pen	Plane	Race	Sandwich	Ski	Sky	Slide	Water	Wolf

These can be grouped into threes as follows, reducing from 27 to 9:

1. Accident, Keys, Battery = Car
2. Bone, Hock, Sandwich = Ham
3. Water, Grandfather, Alarm = Clock
4. Oxygen, Ski, Face = Mask
5. Bottle, Pen, Sky = Cap
6. Oil, Garbage, Beer = Can
7. Race, Laugh, Back = Track
8. Dog, Wolf, Slide = Whistle
9. Bus, Plane, Lottery = Ticket

Reducing from 9 to 3:

1. Car, Ham, Clock = Radio
2. Mask, Cap, Can = Gas
3. Track, Whistle, Ticket = Train

And finally, from 3 to 1:

1. Radio, Gas, Train = Station