[Nathan Townshend](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1413)

Maisie and Daisy and Dee  
Together as doh-re-mi  
On a bicycle built for three (7)  
  
M & D & D together = triplet  
doh-re-mi = triplet  
bicycle built.... = triplet  
Three rhyming lines = triplet

I guess I should expect poems given my MO. And this is very cute. It all hangs together and though it wouldn’t make it into a Times crossword it is very much appreciated.

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[Simon Griew](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1468)

Threesome’s turn-on-enabled? (7)  
  
Threesome = def  
turn on = trip  
enabled = let  
QM in recognition of hyphen abuse

I like the def and wordplay very much but can’t quite make the surface work as an actual phrase. A good effort.

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[Simon Griew](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1468)

One out of three look away while having slash in lavatory (7)  
  
One out of three = def  
look = oi  
slash = rip  
lavatory = toilet  
look away while having slash in lavatory = delete oi and insert rip in toilet  
  
“I’ll try not to lower the tone even further if I produce a third clue” - epic fail!

I was initially unsure on ‘oi’ but have found “used to attract someone's attention, especially in a rough or angry way” – so I now like it! The idea is great but that cryptic instruction, whilst I think it works, is less than elegant so this isn’t on the (caught)short list.

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[JollySwagman](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=638)

Just a little note to say: I'm sorry you went to the toilet when I was away. Never mind love (7)  
  
Just a little note: def (NB TRIPLET is singular, so in music just one note - the three that commonly come together need the plural)  
to say:: link  
I'm sorry you went: RIP  
to the toilet when I was away. Never mind love; inserted into T(oi)LET (ie O=love and I missing)

Very Swagmanesque. I know a few drummers who’d disagree on your singular/plural def of triplet ... but are drummers musicians?! “I'm sorry you went: RIP” is brilliant. I would have gone with a synonym for ‘toilet’ (as Simon above). This is hovering on the shortlist but I tend to like my clues short’n’sweet, so not quite there for me.

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[JollySwagman](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=638)

One baby may be permitted on the journey (7)  
  
One baby:def   
may be: link  
permitted on the journey: LET on TRIP

Ticks all my boxes.

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[JollySwagman](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=638)

Note that comes after Rocking Robin's Tweet (7)  
  
CD or virtually literal.  
  
The chorus to the song Rocking Robin goes  
  
Rocking Robin - Tweet - twiddle-lee-dee  
the latter (just the twiddle-lee part) being   
triplets - so just the first one.  
  
Surface suggests the frequently encountered   
embarrassing correction/apology after a Tweet  
fired out in anger.

Nice idea but that def feels a bit too hard to get even knowing the song. (One I’d always thought was a Jackson 5 original – youtube has just presented me with Bobby Day!) And without looking at the score I’m not at all sure the bit you’ve highlighted are triplets.

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[drawfull](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=944)

Stumble upon problem when serving '3 for 2' in bar? (7)  
  
Stumble upon - trip (or a down clue, if you prefer to use stumble only)  
problem when serving - let  
'3 for 2' in bar? – def

I prefer the down clue version. “problem when serving – let” and the def are both great. And great surface.

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[bill\_poster](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1449)

The Fall give the thumbs up to crowd member! (7)  
  
The Fall - trip  
Give the thumbs up to - let  
Crowd member! - def (for ‘three is a crowd’)  
  
The surface alludes to the English punk band

This is very nice. A lovely EM-d def. It’s a pity that the name isn’t just “Fall” as that capital F just spoils this for me. However:

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[Nathan Townshend](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1413)

"TTT" (7)  
  
Def: Three of a kind  
Wordplay: TRIPLE T  
" " = homophone indicator, te-te-te three notes

A lot to like here on the wordplay/def side – if only TTT was a thing from a surface point of view. (By strange coincidence Google tells me they are a NZ pole company – just what I need at the moment for my powerline!). Reluctantly not going forward.

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Simon Griew

One child in group farted noisily when cycling (7)  
  
One child in group = def  
farted = let rip  
noisily when cycling = cycle the syllables. Out loud, let rip has same sound as lettrip; hence cycling gives triplet

Charming. Also a nice idea but I’m afraid I’m coming up with RIPLET when I cycle the syllables – despite the inclusion of ‘noisily’ and your spirited argument! Doesn’t quite work for me.

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[Beezie](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1214)

Three quick notes, like cha cha cha perhaps? (7)  
  
  
Three quick notes is def  
  
WP is cha cha cha, or ‘Triple Tea’

A nice try but that ‘cha cha cha’ to ‘tea tea tea’ to ‘triple T’ to def is a chain with too many links from start to finish.

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[Nerissa](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1406)

"Very long" cycle journey that's patently very short (7)  
  
D/CD, patently to indicate triplet=little journey pun

The little journey pun I like a lot. The def I’m not seeing I’m afraid. Forgive me if I’m missing something obvious.

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[drawfull](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=944)

Tour left by French and Saunders, for example (7)  
  
Tour - TRIP  
left - L  
by - next to  
French and - ET  
Saunders, for example - def - Harry Potter as a baby was famously(!) played by the Saunders triplets in the first film

So much to like here in the wordplay ... but ... as your EM admits in the explanation I don’t think that the def is anywhere near ‘famous’ enough.

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[albery](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1458)

Worrying dental trip and extraction – one of three to come out the same day? (7)  
  
Worrying – grind, dental trip – fodder,  
and extraction - remove and  
cd

Excellent def. I’m not keen on the cryptic instruction here. For me (and possibly only me!) it feels like the sense needs to more ‘with AND extracted’ which ‘and extraction’ doesn’t quite convey for me. Also, a ‘leads to’ (or similar) in place of the dash works better for me.

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[drawfull](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=944)

It's essentially three-line whip Priti Patel gives regularly (7)  
  
It's essentially three-line - def  
whip - imperative grind  
Priti Patel gives regularly - [p]R[i]T[i]P[a]T[e]L[g]I[v]E[s]

Nothing particularly wrong with this but I’m never keen on ‘regularly’ used in this way (I know it is standard practice) – it just doesn’t feel like it does what it says on the tin. The ‘gives’ feels a bit iffy, imperative grinds I don’t like without supporting grammar ... you’ve simply managed to hit my (probably unfair) sore spots! Even the def feels a bit lacking somehow!

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[steveran](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=538)

High rent is part of the issue (7)  
  
High - TRIP  
rent - LET  
part of the issue – definition

Can’t argue with this. Lovely.

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[Virapondus](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1428)

Perhaps a little rhyme,  
Notation out of time  
Or three-fold way to chime?  
(7)  
  
  
A triplet of definitions. Obviously a rhyming triplet. "Notation out of time" is intended to refer to musical notation, where three notes take the place of two (contrary to the time signature). I think a triplet could be any three things that hang together or "chime". QM to suggest the possible &Lit. (not sure if this is necessary, in addition to "perhaps").

A very nice try. The second def feels a little suspect – though I get it. And the third def feels too much of a stretch and doesn’t quite chime with me.

Nudge nudge nudge

The chime feels like a fudge

I’m such a gittish judge!

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[Nathan Townshend](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1413)

If third bit spoilt, keep two thirds of this! (7)  
  
If third bit spoilt keep two = fodder  
thirds = take every third letter  
this = def  
  
All-in-one advice for dealing with any triplet?

Very funny, very ingenious. Def works but feels a bit too cryptic to be wholly successful.

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[Nerissa](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1406)

Clue's in the attachment. Looks like it won't display, so I've uploaded as my avatar again for now.  
  
[img]../file.php?id=14[/img]  
  
Def: the triplet (notes D, E, F natch)  
WP: The time signature (triple time, as per Nathan's clue)  
The clef is integral, to get the notes in the def. But the rest is padding (but surely silent anyway: practically punctuation).  
  
This is probably the most trouble I've gone to to format a clue. Just installing Sibelius has killed my laptop.

Ah, Sibelius the laptop killer strikes again. I’m quite in awe of this clue! However ... the ‘(7)’ looks a bit odd and it strikes me that the clue is either: a straight clue if you’re musical or not gettable if you’re not.

The DEF is a great touch.

For many reasons:

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J[oeyJoeJoeJr](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1467)

Third of happy litter could be this? (7)  
  
Third of happy = P (fodder)  
litter = more fodder  
could be = anagram indicator  
this = answer  
(P LITTER)\*  
all-in-one  
Both Chambers and ODE (though not Collins) suggest a triplet can be one of three people or animals born at the same time, if you think litter for baby people is a bit of a stretch! Happy, just because I bet being a triplet is quite nice.

Like this very much. I like the wordplay and am happy with the def – it doesn’t feel particularly like a stretch.

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[Chopin](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1382)

One in three allowed to follow dream (7)  
  
One in three - def   
allowed - LET   
to follow dream - TRIP + LET

A very likeable clue but that dream = trip feels a bit too loose. My two synonym sites aren’t coming up with it.

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[Politely](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1286)

One born in a crowd? (7)  
  
CD Ref. Three is a crowd

A nice def but I’m not sure it stands alone as necessarily leading to the answer (see bill poster’s treatment above).

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[steveran](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=538)

Baby needing extra patience initially with left and right tit in action? (7)  
  
semi&lit  
baby - def  
needing - link  
extra patience initially - EP  
with - fodder joiner  
left and right tit - L R TIT  
in action -anagrind

Very funny and excellent wordplay. Just not sure if ‘tit’ is ok in The Times?

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[brominicks](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1051)   
  
It's laughable! England's two openers fall before third delivery (7)  
  
Laughable England's two openers : let  
Fall before:trip(let)   
Defn:third delivery (birth)

‘It’ being the answer too I guess. Much to like here. Wordplay, def and surface all in order.

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[Chopin](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1382)

Room with three beds? Finally! Rent, rent, rent! (7)  
  
Room with three beds - def. Twin room is used widely. Triple is more commonly used, but some hotels do call them triplet rooms.  
? - acknowledging the stretched def!   
Finally! Rent - T   
rent - RIP  
rent! – LET

The ‘Finally! Rent, rent, rent!’ is superb. But ... that definition! I would never get that I don’t think. And the surface feels a bit forced.

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[albery](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1458)

One of multiple issues sadly starting to predominate when surrounded by litter (7)  
  
Cd,sadly – grind, p + litter = fodder

Steveran had ‘issue’ (singular) above ... I can see singular and plural being correct. The anagrind instructions don’t feel as neat as they should. Anagrinding and ‘surrounding p’ feels like doubling up. Nice surface.

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[steveran](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=538)

Wise men journey approved? (7)  
  
TRIP+LET

Too loose on the def front I feel although I love the economy.

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[albery](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1458)

One of three issues around poodle’s first litter (7)  
  
Cd, grind, p + litter = fodder

That ‘around’ doesn’t feel like the best word that could be used there. Just not doing it for me as a cryptic instruction.

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[JoeyJoeJoeJr](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1467)

It's a small thing to turn down the volume with model child (7)  
  
"It's a small thing" = TRIFLE  
"to turn down the volume" = F to P  
"with model" = + T  
  
TRI(F->P)LE + T  
"child"

Bit of an odd surface and although the ‘turn down the volume’ is ingenious it isn’t quite telling me clearly enough to swap F to P.

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[Nerissa](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1406)

Offensive drawing in dead man's letters left for either of his brothers? (7)  
  
TET around RIP + L, with a definition by implication (there must be 3 brothers, each maybe (QM) a triplet).

The Tet offensive is maybe a bit of an ask of people (something that’s difficult to judge) but along with the ‘dead man’s letters’ makes for some very inventive and imaginative wordplay. Whilst the one brother of three may be a triplet, the def feels too loose for the clue to go forward. An impressive attempt.

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[mchemtov](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1454)

Turn on, leading couple to first threesome (7)  
  
Turn on = TRIP  
leading couple = LE  
to first = T  
threesome = def

‘Turn on’ and ‘to first’ in the wordplay are good along with a sound def. ‘leading couple’ I’m having trouble with – is that ‘leading’ doing double duty as both the fodder and the instruction ‘first two’? I’m also struggling to make the surface read as a natural phrase.

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[mchemtov](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1454)

Codon encodes an egg as thymine in wild reptile (7)  
  
Codon = def  
encodes an egg as thymine in = change an E to T in  
wild = anagrind  
reptile = fodder  
  
(REPTIL - e + T)\*

So Google tells me ‘A codon is a trinucleotide sequence of DNA or RNA’ and codons are ‘sequences of nucleotide triplets’ ... and I still don’t know if your def is ok! However, my list of abbreviations is not giving me E for egg. I like the ambition of the clue!

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[KeithB](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1160)

3 in 2 x 3? (7)  
  
3 in 2 = triplet (in music e.g. 3 quavers in the time of 2)  
  
x3 = times times times or "Triple T"

Hmmm ... I’ve got the singular ‘time = t’ in the abbreviation list I’m looking at so ‘times times times’ isn’t leading to ‘triple T’ for me I’m afraid.

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[JoeyJoeJoeJr](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1467)

First signs of today's refreshments include pleasingly large enamel tea set (7)  
  
Initial letters  
"set"  
(Thought I'd have a bash at an initial letter clue, for a change as never usually try to write them)

Well bashed. I think this works nicely. Def maybe a little loose.

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[jvector](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1405)

The answer may be found in John Debrett teaching, Alf Garnett talking, or Ben Schott thinking (7)  
  
Three triple-Tees

There must have been some research involved with this one and I very much like the idea. I just wonder if you’re defining triplets rather than triplet. It’s like a triplet too far! There’s also the two steps needed in 1) finding the ttt’s and then 2) solving the CD of ttt = triple-t = triplet making the solve a bit too hard I think. See also Nathan’s TTT effort above.

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[jvector](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1405)

Time to let the fun begin,  
Everybody jump right in,  
Shall we have a little spin?(7)  
  
Verse triplet; little spin? = small trip? = triplet(?)

Another poem – and very nice too. I like the cryptic-ish def (see also Nerissa’s clue above). However, the first two lines seem to be there just to make up the line count!

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[jvector](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1405)

Opening The Travelling Theatre, what did Elizabethan Jake The Peg wear over his hose? (7)  
  
Opening The Travelling Theatre = three Ts = Triple T; Jake The Peg (with his extra leg - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jake_the_Peg> ) would need somethng 50% more than a doublet.

Ok – funny and inventive but this would be too hard to get, particularly the doublet -> triplet transformation even though I agree with your maths.

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[Dunnart](http://www.ukpuzzle.com/phpBB3/memberlist.php?mode=viewprofile&u=1429)

Large, stomach carrying this? Third and final tot (7)  
  
L in TRIPE + toT

Hats off to you for the wordplay although tripe = stomach feels a bit of a stretch. I can’t see this as working as a surface though.