

The Old Man of the Sea - SOLUTION (LOWER-CLASS / FUNCTION)

Much as the Old Man of the Sea wrapped himself tightly around Sinbad, this puzzle involves words wrapped tightly around one another. Each of the clue answers in the left column is formed by wrapping a short word around a clue answer from the right column plus a single additional letter. In order of the left clues, the answers are:

HO(R)[SE RAC]E
P(E)[RID]OT
RA(N)[CHIN]G
TRA[VERSE](L)Y
R[ADIOS](C)OPE
TE(S)[TAME]NT
P(A)[PER-TH]IN
STR(I)[P LIGHT]ING
SA[VILE R](O)W
CO[UNTER](T)OP
R[ICE] (C)AKE
SP[ACE S](U)IT
M[ARROW](F)AT
SP[ORTS](W)EAR
CO(N)[SULTAN]T
HO(L)[STERE]D
P(O)[NYT]AIL
NE[AR EA](S)T

Each of the outer short words is an object that Sinbad could use to complete one of the chores on his to-do list. Putting them in list order and reading the superfluous letters gives the answers LOWER-CLASS / FUNCTION.

ho[L]d
sa[O]w
sp[W]ear
p[E]ot
ho[R]e
r[C]ope
tra[L]y
p[A]in
ne[S]t
te[S]nt
m[F]at
sp[U]it
ra[N]g
r[C]ake
co[T]op
str[I]ing
p[O]ail
co[N]t