English trinomials

Trinomials are three words commonly grouped as one set phrase, such as "sex, drugs and rock'n'roll" (popularized by lan Drury's 1977 eponymous single).

Sources: <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siamese_twins_(linguistics)#Variants</u>

Definitions and examples from <u>https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/</u>, https://www.dictionary.com and https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/

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Utterly deceived or tricked.

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