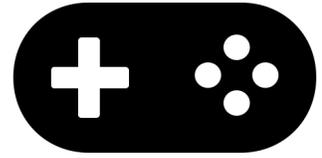


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"Esther, you can't be serious. Who plays musical chairs around a table?!?! Also, can't this wait until after we eat?"

"Hey, I cooked, so I make the rules! No one eats until we play."

Realizing they won't win this argument, Willis and Neil head over to the designated spots at the table.

Neil then remembers something and goes to talk to Willis. Logan also gives in and grouchy takes his own place.

Neil finishes his previous conversation and moves over to speak to Logan. Meanwhile, Bella has been convinced and also heads to her chair.

Wrapping up his conversation with Logan, Neil goes back to his original spot and turns to talk to Shauna, who has walked over to her designated chair.

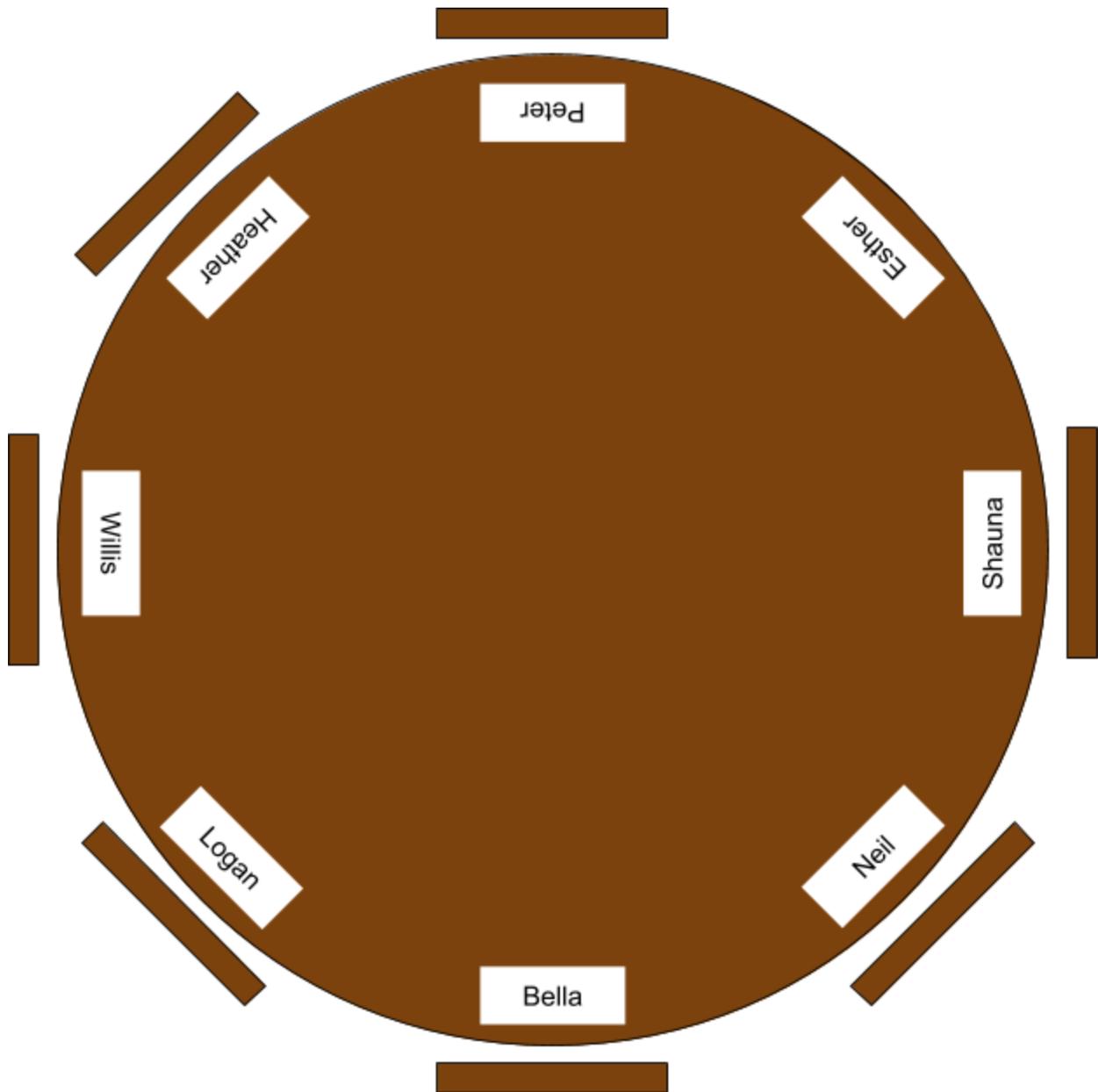
Heather and Peter head over to Bella and Logan to try to convince them to refuse the game.

Peter continues to discuss with Logan while Heather, having given up, goes to try to convince Shauna instead.

Heather has made no progress and heads to her own spot. Peter, unmoved, is still trying to argue his case.

Peter finally gives in and moodily takes his spot. Heather is about to walk over to him but seeing that everyone is now at the table, stays in place and instead shoots him a sympathetic look.

Satisfied, Esther addresses the group: "Alrighty! Let's get started, I know everyone is **starving**."



Author notes: This puzzle is **hard**, and by design requires a bit of time to solve. If you reach a point where you need certain information, maybe wait until it is available (note however, this puzzle is NOT a metapuzzle).

To help you get started, can you think of an encoding that uses positions around a circle?