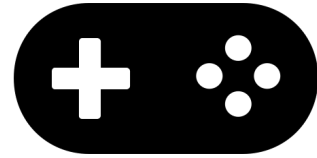


Anne Needs Different Friends SOLUTION



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The use of the words “different” and “new” in the puzzle title/text, as well as how the screenshots come in very similar pairs clues that this puzzle is a game of “Spot the Difference”. For each screenshot, we describe what the new change is (the numbers at the bottom provide a guide for the length of each answer).

Messenger Game	Difference	Notes/Details
AdVenture Capitalist (7)	GLASSES	Was formerly a monocle
Solitaire (3)	ACE	Bottom-right card
Pie Attack (8)	MUSTACHE	On the figure on the right
Block Party (8)	EYEBROWS	Bottom right block
Music Tiles (7)	NONAGON	Grace’s profile picture
Let’s Go Fishing (6)	IGUANA	In the tree
Pirate Kid (5)	GREEN	Eye colour changed
Let’s Farm-Idle Empire (3)	HAT	Bird on the cow’s head
Jewel Academy (3 5)	TWO STARS	Initial score was 1 star

Taking the first letter of each solution gives us the new CPH theme, and also why Anne’s friends got distracted: it’s GAME NIGHT!!!!

Author Notes: Welcome (back) to the Caltech Puzzle Hunt! We’re excited for y’all to come out and play with us on Sunday and hope you enjoyed this theme puzzle. We will have two more pre-event puzzles to build up some hype for the event, and to give beginners a bit of a Puzzles 101. Each pre-event puzzle will include some notes about the solution.

Last puzzle hunt’s pre-event [puzzles](#) and [solutions](#) are available at the linked pages for more reading!

Takeaways from this puzzle:

- This puzzle introduces the concept of “crossword clues”, where the solver has to come up with an answer that fits the description. Typically, a length or format is given to help.
- There’s a fair amount of non-relevant content in this puzzle (e.g. the initial screenshot, the game scores). This is not uncommon; if you find a lead is going nowhere, double back and see if it perhaps isn’t important. The more puzzles you do, the more intuition you’ll have for what does and doesn’t matter.
- Extracting letters is a big part of every puzzle, and this one uses the common technique of using the first letter. You’ll see some more in the upcoming pre-event puzzles, and past puzzles are a great resource for further study. The Microsoft College Puzzle Challenge [archives](#) and [list of puzzle resources](#) are a great place to start.

Fun Fact: The story behind this puzzle is not entirely untrue. Grace and Chen set out to write a puzzle about Messenger games, and promptly got distracted playing them all. They’re *still* playing AdVenture Capitalist.