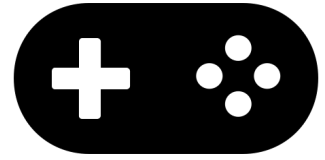


Rival Spies
SOLUTION

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The title is a reference to Codenames, the board game.

Once all the crossword clues have been solved, it might be hard to associate the resulting words with the clue words. The key is to replace the resulting words with its homophone, which is clued by the flavor text (a new twist, bored/board, knew/new).

won -> one	bore -> boar	jamb -> jam	lama -> llama	mousse -> moose
genes -> jeans	dear -> deer	wholly -> holy	guerilla -> gorilla	ate -> eight
too -> two	serial -> cereal	close -> clothes	fryer -> friar	pearl -> purl
bred -> bread	alter -> altar	sow -> sew	fore -> four	mourning -> morning
links -> lynx	nit -> knit	hair -> hare	sighs -> size	sheik -> chic

Then, like in Codenames, each card on the board is associated with one of the clue words:

numbers (4): one, two, four, eight
 breakfast (4): jam, cereal, bread, morning
 religion (3): holy, friar, altar
 animals (7): boar, llama, moose, deer, gorilla, lynx, hare
 crafts (3): sew, purl, knit
 garments (4): jeans, clothes, size, chic

Indexing into each clue word by the number of cards associated with it gives BALSAM.