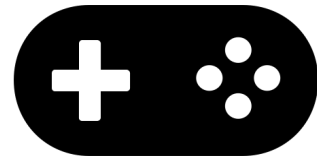


Your Mess Maker
SOLUTION



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The flavor text, title, and word grid with numbers hint at the game Minesweeper, with squares (including mine squares) labelled with the number of bombs in adjacent or diagonally adjacent squares.

The mines are located as follows:

ADD	BELOW	STRAIGHT	FIRST	[X] DON'T
COLUMN	[X] DISREGARD	ENDING	SPACES	[X]LAST
LETTER	ROW	[X] NUMBER	INSIDE	TO
[X] OUTSIDE	ENDING	NEXT	GIVE	[X] A
[X] OUTER	CHARACTER	WITHIN	[X] TRIANGLE	BETWEEN

Taking the words from the mine squares gives:
DON'T DISREGARD LAST NUMBER OUTSIDE A OUTER TRIANGLE

Using the flavor text and taking the opposite of every word gives:
DO REGARD FIRST LETTER INSIDE THE INNER SQUARE

Taking the first letter of every square in (on the edge) of the inner
3x3 square gives:
DESIGNER