

RAIDER (SOLUTION)

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The first step is to identify the objects shown in the 10 given images and the number of each summarized in the table below:

Objects in Images	Number of Objects
Dollar Bills	3
Tesla Chargers	5
D-Type Jaguars	2
Water Jets	10
Emblem Lions	3
Moving Packers	5
Reenactment Patriots	5
Christian Saints	2
Sikorsky Seahawks	5
Norse Vikings	9

The commonality is that these objects each reference the name of an NFL team. The flavortext mentions the “Raiders”, who are also an NFL team, and are also known as the “silver and black”. The next step is to identify the home fields of each of these NFL teams, as hinted by the field at the end of the puzzle. This is also clued in the flavortext with the phrase “feel at home”, and the word “allegiant” references the Allegiant Stadium, which is the home field of the Las Vegas Raiders. As a confirmation of this step, the names of the home fields in alphabetical order, fit the given enumerations at the end of the puzzle. Then use the corresponding number of objects as an index to extract a letter from each home field in the given alphabetical order. The final step is to split the extracted letters into a left and right half, based on whether the NFL team is from the AFC or NFC. This is clued by the corresponding endzone colors of red and blue respectively, which also have the 4 stars from the AFC and NFC logos, and the initials A and N. So the image of the field resembles somewhat that used during the annual Pro Bowl game between the AFC and NFC, with the endzones dressed in those respective colors. The table below summarizes the NFL teams, their home fields, and the extracted letters split by AFC and NFC:

NFL Teams Referenced	Home Fields	Number of Objects	Extracted Letters	
			AFC	NFC
New Orleans Saints	CAESARS SUPERDOME	2		A
Jacksonville Jaguars	EVERBANK STADIUM	2	V	
Detroit Lions	FORD FIELD	3		R
New England Patriots	GILLETTE STADIUM	5	E	
Buffalo Bills	HIGHMARK STADIUM	3	G	
Green Bay Packers	LAMBEAU FIELD	5		E
Seattle Seahawks	LUMEN FIELD	5		N
New York Jets	METLIFE STADIUM	10	A	
Los Angeles Chargers	SOFI STADIUM	5	S	
Minnesota Vikings	U.S. BANK STADIUM	9		A

The left and right halves of letters then spell the answer for this puzzle – **VEGAS ARENA**. This is a thematic reference to another famous stadium in Las Vegas, the T-Mobile Arena.

Constructor's notes:

With this particular answer and the Ordos Raiders as a potential puzzle title, it was natural to theme this puzzle based on the NFL teams and their home fields. Understandably, American football is probably not a very well-followed sport amongst the SGPH solvers, so I was careful not to go into aspects which are too technical and may be difficult to understand, like the rules. Instead, I used the team names, which can be obliquely clued by images of the corresponding objects as an aha. Overall, this is a relatively straightforward and short identification puzzle, with the extraction order being the given alphabetical order. The one tricky step during solving this part is the need to split the extracted letters into two halves based on AFC and NFC as clued by the field image. If solvers miss this step, they may try to find another reordering for the extracted letters instead, although there isn't really another ordering clued in the puzzle.