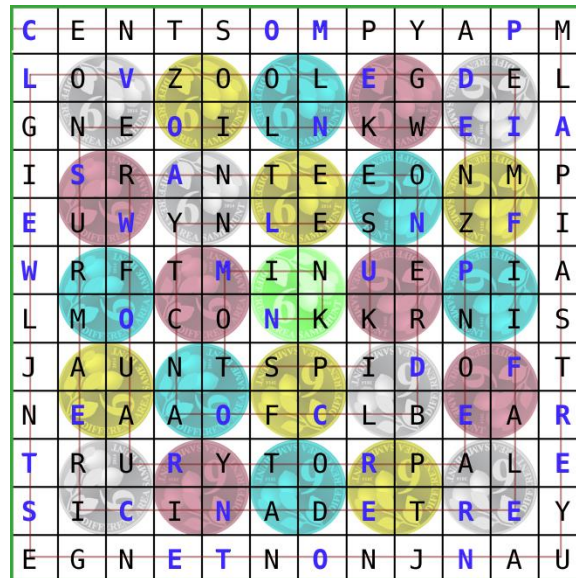


P2: First Sale

The first step to this puzzle is to assemble the miscellaneous pieces to form actual squares. The ones with letters can be combined using the background coin colors/orientations and the darker black line to guide the assembling process. The end product should look like this:



Note that you can follow the blue letters as they spiral inwardly which spells the phrase: COMPARE NOTES TWELVE DIFFERENCES ONE PER ROW AND COLUMN.

So now we have to use the strips of paper which should also have been assembled into squares of the same size. The message tells us that the two pictures should basically be the same except that there's 12 differences in them, and that if we line them up over the letter grid, there's one difference per row and per column. The pictures with the differences circle are shown below:



If you layer these over the letter grid to figure out which row/columns contain the differences, then we get the following (row,column) coordinates:

(1,12) → M
(2,5) → O
(3,2) → N
(4,7) → E
(5,4) → Y
(6,11) → I
(7,10) → N
(8,1) → J
(9,3) → A
(10,9) → P
(11,6) → A
(12,8) → N

So we get the message MONEY IN JAPAN. The currency in Japan is our final answer: **YEN**.