

# Channel A

The Anime Pitch Card Game  
Alpha Prototype Version  
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## Specs

**# of Players:** 3-6

**Playing Time:** 30-90 Minutes

**Materials:** 180 Title Cards, 80 Premise Cards, Rules

Recommended for anime fans of ages 12+

## Printing

Just like Cards Against Humanity ([link](#)), the simplest way to get a deck made is to go to Staples or another print shop and have them print from this PDF on heavy cardstock (80+ pound) and cut them out. If you want a box to keep the cards in, you can get one at places like The Container Store or Tap Plastics.

# Basic Rules

## 0. The Concept

A station called “Channel A” needs to come up with an anime series for the new season, so they’re having a bunch of those creative types come in to give pitches. The station’s producer has a general idea what kind of show he or she wants this time around, so they have to cater to that.

This game should fine work whether you play it with deeply involved anime fans or just people who like making fun of anime weirdness, or anything in between. If you don’t know what something is you could ask, but it’s usually funnier to just make something up and run with it.

## 1. Getting Started

First, each player draws a hand of 10 Title Cards. At the end of each round players with less than 10 draw back up to 10 cards.

You play the game in a series of rounds. Each round one player is the Producer, who if you care about the “story” of this card game is someone who needs to pick an anime series for the station to buy. Whoever’s been watching anime the longest (heavily edited stuff like *Robotech* doesn’t count) gets to be the Producer first. Or you can use a less contrived method, like having each player draw a Title Card and letting whoever’s card comes first alphabetically go first.

## 2. The Premise

The Producer draws 2 Premise Cards and reads them to the other players.

## 3. Pitches

The other players each assemble a set of up to 4 Title Cards to form an anime title. They take turns giving brief pitches as to what the series with that titles they’ve created are about, which needs to fit the premise. If you want to make it quick and easy, keep the pitches to a couple sentences, just enough to explain your idea. If you have buckets of time to kill, you can take as long as you want making an elaborate pitch.

## 4. Pick a Show

The Producer picks the one he or she likes best. There’s no particular criterion for this, so the outcome depends a lot on the Producer’s whims. This is on purpose.

The player whose pitch gets chosen gets a Point. You can let them keep a Premise Card to represent the Point, or use poker chips or glass beads or whatever if you have those handy.

## 5. And at the End...

If you care about winning, whoever has the most Points at the end is the winner.

## Tips

- There are several Title Cards with things like A, Z, R, Plus, etc. usually used as a suffix for a subsequent season of an existing anime title. If you use one of these, feel free to pretend there was a season or two before and you’re pitching a continuation. Also, the series creators usually think of the letter as standing for something.
- The Title Cards make it possible to recreate actual anime titles, sometimes even by accident. What effect this has depends *entirely* on the Producer.
- Consider setting up a recorder to capture the nifty ideas this game can produce. If you want to be really ambitious, turn it into an Actual Play podcast or a replay.

## Variants

### Freestyle Pitches

Don't bother with the Premise cards. The players just make up whatever they want with their Title Cards, and the Producer picks whichever he or she likes best.

### Freestyle Producer

Instead of drawing cards, the Producer simply picks to Premise Card type elements for the pitches to be about.

### Reverse Channel

The Producer makes a title, and the other players draw Premise Cards and try to give a pitch that fits the title from that.

### Title Scramble

Don't use Premise Cards; draw 4 cards, arrange them into a title, and make a pitch about whatever you want.

### Anime by Committee

Get some tokens of some kind (glass beads, poker chips, pennies, playing cards, etc.). There is no Producer. Everyone does a pitch each round, based on two random Premise Cards. Each player gives one token to one other player whose pitch they liked best. At the end of the game the player with the most tokens is the winner.

### Apples to Animes/Anime Against Humanity

Mix in white cards from *Cards Against Humanity* or any cards from *Apples to Apples* in with the Premise Cards. This will get really, really weird.

### A-Soft

Instead of anime series, pretend you're pitching adult visual novels for a company called A-Soft. This works basically the same as for anime, except that every title needs to have a male protagonist and several female characters he can hook up with (or vice versa if it's an otome game).

<b>Alien Babes</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Alien Invasion</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>American Cartoon Remake</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Art Club</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Bishounen</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Blazing Spirit</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Bloodsport</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Boys Love</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Business</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Catgirls</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Chinese Fantasy</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Classical Music</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Colorful World of Magic</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Coming of Age</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Conspiracy</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Cooking</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Cross-Dressing</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Cthulhu Mythos</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Cute Schoolgirls</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Cyberpunk Dystopia</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>

<b>Death Reapers (Shinigami)</b> PREMISE	<b>Delinquents</b> PREMISE	<b>Desert</b> PREMISE	<b>Dolls</b> PREMISE
<b>Drama</b> PREMISE	<b>Ecological</b> PREMISE	<b>Educational</b> PREMISE	<b>England</b> PREMISE
<b>Fairy Tales</b> PREMISE	<b>Fanservice</b> PREMISE	<b>Fantasy Adventure</b> PREMISE	<b>Feudal Japan</b> PREMISE
<b>Fighting Tournament</b> PREMISE	<b>Gambling</b> PREMISE	<b>Gender Swap</b> PREMISE	<b>Giant Robots Fighting</b> PREMISE
<b>Grotesque Aliens</b> PREMISE	<b>Gun Action</b> PREMISE	<b>Harem</b> PREMISE	<b>Heartwarming</b> PREMISE

<b>Idol Singers</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Kid Detective</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Magical Girls</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Magicians</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Maids</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Manga Artists</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Mascot Girls</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Military</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Monster Hunters</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Nihilistic</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Otaku</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Pet Monsters</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Police</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Political Satire</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Post-Apocalyptic</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Psychic Powers</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Psychological Horror</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Racing</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Restaurant</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Rock Music</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>

<b>School Romance</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Science Fiction Epic</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Sekai-kei</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Sentai</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Slapstick</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Slice of Life</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Space War</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Sports</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Spy Thriller</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Steampunk</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Street Culture</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Supernatural Battles</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Surreal</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Time Travel</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Urban Fantasy</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Vampires</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>
<b>Versailles</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Video Games</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Wrestling</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>	<b>Yuri</b>  <small>PREMISE</small>

<b>009</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>120%</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>2nd Stage</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>A</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>A Certain Scientific</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Academy</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Ah!</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Air</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Akihabara</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Alien</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Angel</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Angelic</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Area</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Baby</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Battler</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Bible</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Blood</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Blue</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Boy</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Brave</b> <small>TITLE</small>



**Bubblegum**

**Bunny**

**Burning**

**Card**

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

**-chan**

**Channel**

**City**

**Club**

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

**Code**

**Comic**

**Corps**

**Cosmic**

TITLE

TITLE

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TITLE

**Cowboy**

**Creamy**

**Cyborg**

**D**

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

TITLE

**Dark**

**Darkness**

**Days**

**Demon**

TITLE

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TITLE

<b>Detective</b>	<b>Doctor</b>	<b>Dolls</b>	<b>Double</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Dragon</b>	<b>Dream</b>	<b>Drive</b>	<b>Dynamite</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Eternal</b>	<b>Comic</b>	<b>Exorcist</b>	<b>Eyes</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Fight</b>	<b>Fighter</b>	<b>Fighting</b>	<b>Fist</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Flash</b>	<b>Fraulein</b>	<b>Future</b>	<b>Galaxy</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE

<b>Gear</b>	<b>Genesis</b>	<b>Ghost</b>	<b>Giant</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Girl</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>God</b>	<b>Goddess</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Half</b>	<b>Happy</b>	<b>Harajuku</b>	<b>Heart</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Hearts</b>	<b>Hell</b>	<b>Heroes</b>	<b>Honey</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Hunter</b>	<b>Idol</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>Kaiser</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE

<b>Keiichi</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>Kitty</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Knights</b>	<b>Legend</b>	<b>Legendary</b>	<b>Lingere</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Little</b>	<b>Love</b>	<b>Lucky</b>	<b>Lyrical</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Machine</b>	<b>Magic</b>	<b>Magica</b>	<b>Magical Girl</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE
<b>Maid</b>	<b>Man</b>	<b>Masters</b>	<b>Memories</b>
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE

<b>Metal</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Midori</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Miku</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Milky</b>          <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Monkey</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Monsters</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Muscle</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Nanaka</b>          <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Next</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Ninja</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Noodle</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Panic</b>          <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Peach</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Penguin</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Pink</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Plastic</b>          <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Plus</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Police</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Princess</b>          <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Project</b>          <small>TITLE</small>

<b>Queen</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Quest</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>R</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Rain</b>     <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Revolution</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Robo</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>S</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Sakura</b>     <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Samurai</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>School</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Seed</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Shining</b>     <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Silent</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Silver</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Sister</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Sketch</b>     <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Sky</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Smile</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Stars</b>     <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Steel</b>     <small>TITLE</small>

<b>Story</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Super</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>SuperS</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Sweat</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Sweet</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Sword</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Tales</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>-tan</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Tokyo</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Tomorrow</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Twins</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>UFO</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Ultimate</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Ultra</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Variable</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Venus</b> <small>TITLE</small>
<b>Victory</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Witches</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>World</b> <small>TITLE</small>	<b>Z</b> <small>TITLE</small>

