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ICONIC CRIMINAL MASTERMIND IS BACK WITH NEW EDUCATIONAL GAME

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Featuring a glamorous web of high-tech spies, panoramic vistas and globe-spanning intrigue, Carmen Sandiego Returns is a game of strategy, which positions players as ACME agents on a mission to capture the elusive Carmen Sandiego and her V.I.L.E. henchmen.

Designed for kids ages 9-11, Carmen Sandiego Returns is filled with fun educational facts, clues and mini-games to foster curiosity and problem-solving skills, as players explore locations from Rio de Janeiro to Singapore.

Using iOS accelerometer functionality, players are able to maneuver their device to explore each city in 360Ës detail, while touch-technology enables players to hunt for clues by tapping their device.

As they journey across the world, players will attempt to stop Carmen as she removes priceless jewels from the Taj Mahal, steals a cryogenic chamber in Berlin and many more villainous adventures.

Players earn Carmen Coins throughout the game, which can be spent on fast travel, mini-game boosts and challenge replays, as well as 'XP' or experience points to elevate their ranking as an agent.

Apple Game Center integration also allows players to track achievements on a leaderboard and compete against friends. With the initial download, the game contains several hours of short and long-form gameplay, featuring three exciting missions and four mini-game challenges. Additional packs featuring new cities, challenges and crimes are available for in-app purchase.

Carmen Sandiego is a world-renowned brand and winner of over 125 awards and accolades, first entering the market in 1985 with games for CD-ROM and PC download in classrooms and homes across the country. In the nineties, Carmen hit the small screen with the Emmy Award-winning TV show 'Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego ?,' followed by 'Where in Time Is Carmen Sandiego ?' and 'Where on Earth Is Carmen Sandiego ?'

Rooted in exploration and learning, the game encourages children to use their knowledge of history, geography and world cultures to decipher clues and stay hot on Carmen's trail, earning Carmen Coins along the way.

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