Sentence Medley

Objective
To create and identify simple, compound, and complex sentences

Players
Any number

You will need
Sentence grid like the one shown; pencil and paper for each player

Before playing
• Choose a leader, who copies the sentence grid onto the chalkboard or a large piece of posterboard. The leader also acts as the timekeeper and scorekeeper.
• Choose two judges to make decisions when sentences are challenged.

How to play
1. The leader displays the sentence grid so that all players can see it.
2. Working independently, players have ten minutes to write as many sentences as possible, using only the words on the grid. Players may use the same words more than once. Players must then label each sentence they write simple, compound, or complex.
3. When the time is up, each player reads his or her sentences aloud. Other players can challenge sentences that are not complete, that are labeled incorrectly, or that contain words not on the grid.

Scoring
A player earns one point for each simple sentence, two points for each compound sentence, and three points for each complex sentence. Challenging players lose one point for each challenged sentence that turns out to be correct. The player with the most points wins the round.