VERBO

Objective
To identify action verbs and linking verbs

Players
3 or 4

You will need
Tagboard or construction paper, pencils, paper or cloth bag

Before playing
• Copy the VERBO grid shown. In each space, write one of the following: action—transitive, action—intransitive, or linking. (Each heading will be written eight times, in any order, on the grid.)
• Cut out paper squares to cover the spaces on the VERBO grid.
• Write 24 sentences (samples shown) on construction paper-strips and precede each sentence with V, E, R, B, or O. Use each letter five times, except R, which will be used four times. Place the sentence strips in a bag.
• Choose a leader.

How to play
1. The leader draws a sentence strip out of the bag, calls out the VERBO letter, and reads the sentence.

2. Players decide whether the verb is a linking verb, a transitive action verb, or an intransitive action verb. They then check the VERBO grid to see if they have a matching space. If so, players write the verb on a paper square and place it over the space. For example, suppose the leader reads: “V — I am hungry.” If a player has a space in the V column labeled linking, he or she writes am on a paper square and places it over the space.

3. The leader continues reading sentence strips until one player covers all the spaces in a row and calls “VERBO!” A row may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. The leader checks the winner’s card to make sure all the verbs were identified correctly.

Scoring
The first player to cover a row wins. If several rounds are played, the winner of each round receives ten points, and the player with the most points at the end of the game wins.