Pronoun Checkers

Objective
To create sentences with different kinds of pronouns

Players
2 for each board

Materials
Enlarged version of the checkerboard shown for each pair of players, 12 red checkers and 12 black checkers, paper and pencil for each player

Before playing
• Mark one side of each checker with a K to represent a king in the checkers game.
• Draw the checkers grid on a square sheet of paper.
• Label each white square with the name of a different kind of pronoun (personal, possessive, interrogative, demonstrative, indefinite, reflexive, and intensive).
• Have each player pick a color checker to use as pawns (red or black).

How to play
1. Each player places his or her checkers on the white squares on the board, K side down.
2. Players move by following the rules for checkers. When a player lands on a square, he or she writes a sentence on a separate sheet of paper that correctly uses the type of pronoun written on that square.
3. If a player challenges his or her opponent’s sentence, the teacher resolves the challenge. If a player uses a pronoun incorrectly in a sentence, the player must move the checker back to the previous square and replace any checkers captured during that move.
4. When a checker reaches the opposite end of the board, the player turns it over to reveal the K side. This checker now represents a king and can move backward and forward on the board.

Scoring
To win the game, one player must capture all of his or her opponent’s checkers.