Sentence Puzzles

Objective
To write complete sentences

Players
Any number

Materials
Pencil and puzzles for each player

Before playing
• Each player makes two blank puzzles like the one pictured. The rows in each puzzle may cross at any square.
• Players choose one person to be the timekeeper, scorekeeper, and judge.

How to play
1. Players write one sentence across and another down in each puzzle, putting one word in each square. Players must use two different kinds of sentences in one puzzle, such as one statement and one question or one question and one command. The sentences must be different, not just punctuated differently. Players may leave blank squares at the end of a sentence, but each sentence must use the same word in the shared space.
2. Players add the correct punctuation mark at the end of each sentence.
3. Players have five minutes to complete the puzzles with sentences that make sense.
4. When the time is up, each player should read his or her sentences aloud, with end punctuation. Other players can challenge sentences that they think are not punctuated correctly.
5. The judge will decide who is correct.

Scoring
A player earns one point for each sentence that is correct. A player loses one point for each sentence he or she challenges that turns out to be correct. The player with the most points wins the round.