Verbal Spin-off

Objective
To form sentences using correct word order and verb tense

Players
Any number, divided into 2 teams

You will need
Tagboard, scissors, markers, and paper fasteners to make 2 spinners; pencil and paper for each player

Before playing
- Make two spinners as shown.
- Divide players into two teams.
- Decide how many turns each player will get before the game ends.
- Choose one player on each team to keep score for the team.

How to play
1. Player 1 on Team A spins both spinners. The first spinner tells the sentence pattern, and the second spinner tells the tense of the verb. The following abbreviations are used:
   N, V = noun, verb
   N, V, DO = noun, verb, direct object
   N, IV = noun, intransitive verb
   N, LV, N = noun, linking verb, predicate noun
   N, LV, A = noun, linking verb, predicate adjective
2. The player has two minutes to write a sentence using the correct sentence pattern and tense.
3. When the time is up, the player reads his or her sentence aloud. Other players can challenge the player if they think the sentence pattern or the verb tense is wrong. If the sentence is correct, the team’s scorekeeper writes down the player’s score. If either the sentence pattern or the verb tense is incorrect, the player scores no points.
4. Player 1 from Team B then spins and writes a sentence. Play continues until all players have had the same number of turns.

Scoring
Each player who writes a correct sentence scores the number of points shown on both spinners. The team that has more points at the end of the game wins.