

## Game 8: Sentence Boundaries

In *Sentence Boundaries*, the teacher gives the players five specific requirements for their sentences. Each round of the game requires the players to create sentences that follow different patterns. The first team to complete all five patterns (in order) and earn 5 points wins the game. Possible patterns include:

- 1 sentence with exactly 5 words
- 1 sentence with exactly 8 words
- 1 sentence with exactly 6 words AND 1 sentence with exactly 7 words
- 1 sentence with 2 verbs
- 1 sentence with 1 adjective and 1 adverb
- 2 sentences with 2 different verbs

### Instructions

1. Have students (the players) sit in pairs or small groups, and ask each of the groups to choose a name for their team. Give each group an approximately equal number of *Word Bricks*.
2. Make a column for each team on the board and write the teams' names at the top. Make a list on the board that tells the requirements for each round of the race. You should have five requirements. (See above for ideas.)
3. Tell players that the game is a race and that the teams will need to create grammatically correct sentences that exactly follow the requirements that are listed on the board. Go through each of the requirements, and explain that the teams must complete sentences in the order they are listed on the board.
4. Begin the game, and ask players to call you when they believe they have a correct sentence. Evaluate the grammatical correctness of the sentence. If the sentence is correct and matches the pattern for that round, give the team one point and record it underneath their name on the board. If the sentence is not correct, have the team continue working on the sentence.
5. The first team to create sentences to match each of the patterns and earn 5 points is the winner.