Types of Sentences

A sentence is a word or a group of words expressing a complete idea.

E.g.  
- They are reading a book.  
- Do you speak English?  
- It's a fine day!

According to the purpose of the utterance we distinguish four kinds of sentences:
1) the declarative sentence
2) the interrogative sentence
3) the imperative sentence
4) the exclamatory sentence

1. A declarative sentence states a fact in the affirmative or negative form.

E.g.  
- This is a museum. (+)  
- She is not a student. (–)

Negative sentences are formed by means of the negative particle “not” which is put after the verb (auxiliary, modal, link verb).

E.g.  
- I do not like rainy weather.

Negative pronouns (no-one, none, neither, nothing, no, etc.), negative adverbs (never, nowhere, etc.) and some other words (hardly, refuse, without, etc.) are also used to express negation.

Mind! There is only one negation in an English sentence.

E.g.  
- She never walks alone.

2. Interrogative sentences ask questions.

E.g.  
- Where do you live?

3. Imperative sentences express commands, requests, invitations, etc.

E.g.  
- Stand up.  
- Open the door, will you?

4. An exclamatory sentence expresses some kind of emotion or feeling (joy, anger, grief, wonder, etc.). It often begins with the words “What” and “How”.

E.g.  
- How wonderful!  
- What fine weather we are having today!