**Types of Sentences**

**(on basis of use)**

1) **Assertive or** **Declarative Sentences:** Sentences that state a fact or opinion.

**Example:**

- That isn’t the way to do it.

- I have two brothers and one sister.

- Canada and the United States are neighbors.

They can be again divided into two types of sentences known as affirmative and negative sentences. Affirmative sentences are the sentences that have a positive meaning; negative sentences are the opposite of affirmative sentences. The main difference between affirmative and assertive sentences is that assertive sentences state a fact or belief whereas affirmative sentence state a positive meaning.

**2) Interrogative Sentences:**Sentences that ask questions.

**Example:**

- What are you doing?

- Where will you go tomorrow?

- Can I see her?

**3) Imperative Sentences:**Sentences that give commands or make requests.

**Example:**

- Don’t be lazy!

- Mind your business!

- Come and have a cup of tea.

**4) Exclamatory Sentences:** Sentences that are in the form of exclamations.

Example:

- What a lovely day it is!

- How marvelous!

- How pretty she is!

**5) Optative Sentence:** Some grammarians recognize a fifth sentence type, the **Optative Sentence**. Optative sentences express wishes.

**Example:**

- May you live a long and happy life together.

- God save you!

- Peace be upon him.

 Optative sentences formed with ***May*** are found mainly in a very formal way.

 Optative sentences like *God save you!* uses a special form of the verb in which there is no –s ending.

*God save…* (not *God saves…*)

 Similarly, we have *Peace be upon him* rather than *Peace is upon him*.