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A Turn the following statement into a question with 吧 (ba) and translate the sentence you make.

1. 你会写汉字。
Nǐ huì xiě hànzi.
You can write Chinese characters. → _____ ?
Translation: _____ ?
2. 他爸爸是老师。
Tā bàba shì lǎoshī.
His dad is a teacher. → _____ ?
Translation: _____ ?
3. 一杯咖啡十块钱太贵了。
Yībēi kāfēi shí kuài qián tài guì le.
10 dollars for a cup of coffee is too expensive. → _____ ?
Translation: _____ ?
4. 这是你的车。
Zhè shì nǐ de chē.
This is your car. → _____ ?
Translation: _____ ?
5. 你喜欢吃辣的东西。
Nǐ xǐhuan chī là de dōngxi.
You like spicy food. → _____ ?
Translation: _____ ?

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B Turn the following sentences into suggestions using 吧 (ba), 还是 (háishi)...吧 (ba), and 要不 (yàobù)...吧 (ba).

1. 今晚我们吃饺子。(use a strong force of suggestion)
Jīnwǎn wǒmen chī jiǎozi.
Let's have dumplings tonight.
→ _____
2. 你写作业。(use a medium force of suggestion)
Nǐ xiànzài xiě zuòyè.
You do your homework now.
→ _____
3. 你明天再去找他。(use a weak force of suggestion)
Nǐ míngtiān zài qù zhǎo ta.
You go and look for him again tomorrow.
→ _____
4. 你别喝他的牛奶。(use a medium force of suggestion)
Nǐ bié hē tāde niúǎi.
Don't drink his milk.
→ _____

C Correct the mistakes by changing, deleting, or adding words in the following sentences.

Incorrect Sentence

1. 你要不今天别去学校了的。
Nǐ yàobù jīntiān bié qù xuéxiào le de.
How about you don't go to school today?
2. 我们去图书馆呢。(a suggestion)
Wǒmen qù túshū guǎn ne.
Let's go to the library.
3. 去看爸妈了，太忙没时间；不去了，又想他们。
Qù kàn bànmā le, tài máng méi shíjiān; búqù le, yòu xiǎng tāmen.
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→ 你会写汉字吧？
Nǐ huì xiě hànzi ba?

Translation: You can write Chinese characters, right?

2. 他爸爸是老师。
Tā bàba shì lǎoshī.
His dad is a teacher.

→ 他爸爸是老师吧？
Tā bàba shì lǎoshī ba?

Translation: His dad must be a teacher, right?

3. 一杯咖啡十块钱太贵了。
Yībēi kāfēi shí kuài qián tài guì le.
10 dollars for a cup of coffee is too expensive.

→ 一杯咖啡十块钱太贵了吧？
Yībēi kāfēi shí kuài qián tài guì le ba?

Translation: Isn't 10 dollars for a cup of coffee too expensive?

4. 这是你的车。
Zhè shì nǐ de chē.
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→ 这是你的车吧？
Zhè shì nǐ de chē ba?

Translation: This must be your car, right?

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→ 你喜欢吃辣的东西吧？
Nǐ xǐhuan chī là dōngxi ba?

Translation: You must like spicy food, right?

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Nǐ xiànzài xiě zuòyè.
You do your homework now.

→ 你还是在现在写作业吧。
Nǐ **háishi** xiànzài xiě zuòyè **ba**.
You'd better do your homework now.
3. 你明天再去找他。(use 要不 (yàobù)...吧 (ba) to make a suggestion)
Nǐ míngtiān zài qù zhǎo ta.
You go and look for him again tomorrow.

→ 你要么明天再去找他吧。
Nǐ **yàobù** míngtiān zài qù zhǎo ta **ba**.
How about looking for him again tomorrow?
4. 你别喝他的牛奶。(use 还是 (háishi)...吧 (ba) to make a suggestion)
Nǐ bié hē tāde niúǎi.
Don't drink his milk.

→ 你还是别喝他的牛奶吧。
Nǐ **háishi** bié hē tāde niúǎi **ba**.
You'd better not drink his milk.

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