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1 Which of the following phrases are VO compounds? Hint: Check out the post again if you don't remember!

1. 工作 gōngzuò work	2. 跑步 pǎobù run
3. 跳舞 tiàowǔ dance	4. 睡觉 shuìjiào sleep
5. 唱歌 chànggē sing	6. 锻炼 duànliàn workout
7. 练习 liànxí practice	8. 游泳 yóuyǒng swim
9. 画画 huàhuà draw	10. 写汉字 xiě Hànzì write Chinese characters

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2 Multiple Choice: Pick the correct answer to fill in the blank.

学中文不太容易，因为中文的声调和汉字都很难。我 __1__ 不太好，因为我的中文老师有时候 __2__ 太快。可是我常常练习写汉字，所以我 __3__ 不错。我的中文老师 __4__，所以我的同学说中文都说得很流利。除了学中文以外，我也喜欢做饭。我 __5__ 特别好吃。

1. (A) 学声调得 (B) 声调学得 (C) 学声调
2. (A) 说话的 (B) 说话得 (C) 说话说得
3. (A) 写字得 (B) 字写得 (C) 写得字
4. (A) 教得很用心 (B) 教用心得 (C) 教用心
5. (A) 做饭得 (B) 做饭做 (C) 饭做得

Xué Zhōngwén bù tài róngyì, yīnwéi Zhōngwén de shēngdiào hé Hànzì dōu hěn nán. Wǒ __1__ bù tài hǎo, yīnwèi wǒ de Zhōngwén lǎoshī yǒushíhòu __2__ tài kuài. Kěshì wǒ chángcháng liànxí xiě Hànzì, suǒyǐ wǒ __3__ búcuò. Wǒ de Zhōngwén lǎoshī __4__, suǒyǐ wǒ de tóngxué shuō Zhōngwén dōu shuō de hěn liúli. Chúlé xué Zhōngwén yǐwài, wǒ yě xǐhuan zuò fàn. Wǒ __5__ tèbié hǎochī.

Learning Chinese is not easy because Chinese tones and Chinese characters are difficult. I don't learn tones very well because my Chinese teacher sometimes speaks too fast. But I often practice writing characters, so I can write Chinese characters well. My Chinese teacher teaches very attentively, so my classmates all speak Chinese fluently. In addition to learning Chinese, I also like to cook. I cook very well.

1. (A) xué shēngdiào de (B) shēngdiào xué de (C) xué shēngdiào
2. (A) shuōhuà (B) shuōhuà de (C) shuōhuà shuō de
3. (A) xiězì de (B) zì xiě de (C) xiě de zì
4. (A) jiào de hěn yòngxīn (B) jiào yòngxīn de (C) jiào yòngxīn
5. (A) zuò fàn de (B) zuò fàn zuò (C) fàn zuò de

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3 Correct the following sentences. Write "correct" if there are no mistakes.

1. 我昨天考试考得不太好。
Wǒ zuótiān kǎoshì kǎo de bù tài hǎo.
I didn't do well in the exam yesterday.
2. 他弹钢琴得很好听。
Tā tán gāngqín de hěn hǎotīng.
He plays the piano very well.
3. 他每天都工作工得很累。
Tā měitiān dōu gōngzuò gōng de hěn lèi.
He works hard every day.
4. 你咖啡喝的多不多?
Nǐ kāfēi hē de duō bù duō?
Do you drink coffee a lot?
5. 他难过难得说不出话来。
Tā nánguò nán de shuō bù chū huà lái.
He was so sad that he couldn't talk.

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1. Not VO compound	2. VO compound
3. VO compound	4. VO compound
5. VO compound	6. Not VO compound
7. Not VO compound	8. VO compound
9. VO compound	10. VO compound

2

1. B
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. C

3

1. Correct
2. 他(弹)钢琴弹得很好听。
3. 他每天都工作得很累。
4. 你咖啡喝得多不多?
5. 他难过得说不出话来。

