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Let's recap! Common resultative complements are:

Resultative Complement	Examples of verb-resultative complement compound
见 jiàn to see	verb + 见 (jiàn)
到 dào to get / arrive	verb + 到 (dào)
住 zhù to reside	verb + 住 (zhù)
会 huì able	verb + 会 (huì)
开 kāi opened	verb + 开 (kāi)
懂 dǒng understood	verb + 懂 (dǒng)

Resultative Complement	Examples of verb-resultative complement compound
完 wán finished	verb + 完 (wán)
破 pò broken	verb + 破 (pò)
好 hǎo good / done	verb + 好 (hǎo)
错 cuò wrong	verb + 错 (cuò)
干净 gānjìng clean	verb + 干净 (gānjìng)
清楚 qīngchu clear	verb + 清楚 (qīngchu)

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1 Fill in the blanks with the proper resultative complement. (Don't forget to look for hints from the chart above.)

1. 对不起, 我没听 ____ 敲门声。
Duìbuqǐ, wǒ méi tīng ____ qiāoménshēng.
Sorry, I didn't hear the knocking on the door.
2. 屋子里太热了, 打 ____ 窗子吧!
Wūzi lǐ tài rè le, dǎ ____ chuāngzi ba!
It's too hot in the room. Let's open up the windows!
3. 你把这个字写 ____ 了。
Nǐ bǎ zhège zì xiě ____ le.
You wrote this word wrong.
4. 请再说一遍, 我没听 ____。
Qǐng zài shuō yíbiàn, wǒ méi tīng ____ .
Please say it again. I didn't hear it clearly.
5. 你记 ____ 他的电话号码了吗?
Nǐ jì ____ tāde diànhuà hàomǎ le ma?
Did you memorize his phone number?

2 Translate the following sentences into Mandarin.

1. Did you see it clearly?
2. I opened up the gift.
3. She hasn't finished doing her homework.
4. You said it wrong.
5. I have learned and been able to drive.

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3 Correct the following sentences.

1.	我不看懂这本书。 Wǒ bù kàndǒng zhèběn shū. I read and I can't understand it.	
2.	妈妈的手被破了。 Māma de shǒu bèi pò le. Mom's hand was cut.	
3.	他已经读这本书完了。 Tā yǐjīng dú zhèběn shū wán le. He has finished reading this book.	

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1. 对不起，我没听到 / 见敲门声。
Duìbuqǐ, wǒ méi tīng dào/jiàn qiāoménshēng.
Sorry, I didn't hear the knocking on the door.
2. 屋子里太热了，打开窗子吧！
Wūzi lǐ tài rè le le, dǎ kāi chuāngzi ba!
It's too hot in the room. Let's open up the windows!
3. 你把这个字写错了。
Nǐ bǎ zhège zì xiě cuò le.
You wrote this word wrong.
4. 请再说一遍，我没听清楚。
Qǐng zài shuō yíbiàn, wǒ méi tīng qīngchǔ.
Please say it again. I didn't hear it clearly.
5. 你记住他的电话号码了吗？
Nǐ jìzhù tāde diànhuà hàomǎ le ma?
Did you memorize his phone number?

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1. Did you see it clearly?
你看清楚了吗？
Nǐ kàn qīngchu le ma?
2. I opened up the gift.
我打开礼物了。
Wǒ dǎkāi le lǐwù le.
3. She hasn't finished doing her homework.
她没写完她的作业。
Tā méi xiěwán tāde zuòyè.
4. You said it wrong.
你说错了。
Nǐ shuōcuò le.
5. I have learned and been able to drive.
我学会开车了。
Wǒ xuéhuì kāichē le.

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1.	我不懂这本书。 Wǒ bù kàndǒng zhèběn shū. I read and I can't understand it.	我没看懂这本书。/ 我看不懂这本书。
2.	妈妈的手被破了。 Māma de shǒu bèi pò le. Mom's hand was cut.	妈妈的手被割破了。
3.	他已经读这本书完了。 Tā yǐjīng dú zhèběn shū wán le. He has finished reading this book.	他已经读完这本书了。

