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Nǐ māma zuò de cài hǎochī.  
The food your mom made is yummy.  
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2. 他的德语说得很流利。  
Tā de déyǔ shuō de hěn liúli.  
His German is fluent.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. 我想学医，你也想学医。  
Wǒ xiǎng xué yī, nǐ yě xiǎng xué yī.  
I want to study medicine. You want to study too.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. 今天风很大。  
Jīntiān fēng hěn dà.  
It's so windy today.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. 电影要开始了。  
Diànyǐng yào kāishǐ le.  
The movie is starting.  
→ \_\_\_\_\_ ?
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Given Mandarin words	Example tag question
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对 duì correct, right	3. 今晚吃比萨饼 _____? Jīnwǎn chī bǐsàbǐng, ___? Let's have pizza tonight, alright?
不是 búshì be not	4. 那辆红车是你的 _____? Nà liàng hóngchē shì nǐde, ___? That red car is yours, right?

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

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