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1. Grande [big, good]  
*Un gran doctor*  
*Un doctor grande*
  - a. He is a skilled doctor.
  - b. He is a big doctor.
  
2. Viejo [old, ancient]  
*Un viejo conocido*  
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  - a. This person is old.
  - b. I've known this person for many years.
  
3. Pobre [pitiable, poor]  
*Un pobre hombre*  
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  - a. This man doesn't have any money.
  - b. I feel sorry for this man.
  
4. Antiguo [old, former]  
*El antiguo castillo*  
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  - a. This castle is an old building.
  - b. I used to live in this castle.
  
5. Simple [just, simple]  
*Me compré un simple jersey.*  
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  - a. I bought just a sweater.
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6. Maldito [cursed, damned]  
*Un maldito perro me mordió.*  
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  - a. A cursed dog bit me.
  - b. A wicked dog bit me.

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