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- 1) The bills that the stranger showed were real-fake.

**Anything that is fake cannot be real.**

- 2) Jasper's dance was recorded live at a concert.

**Something that is recorded is not live, and therefore cannot be recorded by an audience.**

- 3) Sam's new book is quietly speaking.

**It is either quiet or speaking, but not both.**

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- 4) I've started a new routine.

**Routine means something that is done regularly, so it cannot be new.**

**Something that is new does not have a routine.**

- 5) Lucy asked in a low whisper.

**Whisper means something said in a very low and soft tone, and thus cannot be loud.**

- 6) Many historians call this 18th century ruler a wise fool.

**A person can be either wise or unwise i.e. a fool, but not both.**