

A. We are all molistic in a way

None of the adjectives are real English words. There are two classes of adjectives: "bad" and "good". We will refer to this property of adjectives as "polarity".

Each sentence links two or more adjectives as follows: "X and Y" indicates that X and Y have the same polarity. "X but Y" means that they have opposite polarities. Furthermore, "X and not Y" indicates opposite polarities, "even though X, Y" also indicates opposite polarities, while "not only X but also Y" associates adjectives of the same polarity.

The sentence about Diane shows that "strungy" and "struffy" are positive (desirable) quantities. By identifying other occurrences of the same words in other sentences, one can label each adjective as either positive or negative.

There are seven positive adjectives (strungy, struffy, cloovy, frumsy, danty, cluvious, and brastic) and five negative ones (weasy, blitty, sloshful, slatty, molistic).

A1. Only sentence c. includes adjectives of the right polarities, given the structure of the sentence.

A2. Only answer d. ("frumsy") is on the positive list above.