(G) Zoink! (1/2)

As everyone who needs to buy sprockets online knows, the crowd-sourced website Zoink! is the place to go to get real evaluations from real users on real sprockets. You might have the most optaxic sprocket out there, but unless it's getting reviewed on Zoink! nobody's going to hear about it.

To ensure quality, the administrators of Zoink! have to continuously delete reviews written by bots, small software programs that pretend to be human reviewers. The admins can't read every review by hand so they first need to pre-filter obvious garbage. Thankfully, one common mistake bots make is in using multiple adjectives that describe different degrees of a quality in an improper way. (You can think of the adjectives on a scale of intensity, with different scales for different qualities from low intensity to high intensity.) There are correct and incorrect ways of using such 'scalar' adjectives when describing sprockets. For example, the phrase:

   good but not great (CORRECT)

is perfectly acceptable and should be marked as such. But this phrase:

   furious but not angry (WRONG)

makes no sense since *furious* is stronger that *angry* and therefor strictly subsumes *angry* - you can be angry but not so much as to be furious, but you cannot be furious and not be angry. Any review containing this phrase should be thrown away immediately since it definitely came from a bot rather than a human speaker.
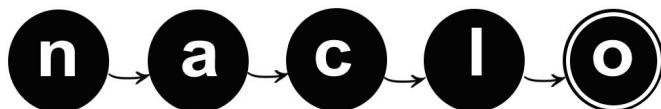
There are also some unclear cases. This phrase:

   furious but not good (MAYBE)

seems odd since it compares two adjectives from different scales (anger and goodness). Such a review should raise a red flag but be inspected more closely before being thrown out.

Oh but the sprocket marketplace is incredibly hip and so everyone writes using the latest slang. In order to write filtering software, the Zoink! admins (who are not so hip) first looked at a bunch of snippets from reviews written by real people. Here they are:

1. cromulent but not melaxious
2. not only efrimious but quarmic
3. not only hyxilious but fligranish
4. not only daxic but fligranish
5. not laxaraptic, but just hyxilious
6. not just melaxious but efrimious
7. not only quarmic, but nistrotic
8. shtingly, though not efrimious
9. not tamacious, just efrimious
10. not optaxic, just fligranish
11. not only cromulent but shtingly
12. not nistrotic, but just efrimious
13. not nistrotic, just tamacious
14. wilky but not daxic
15. not daxic, just jaronic
16. jaronic but not hyxilious
17. laxaraptic but not optaxic

Based on these snippets, the admins were able to understand how the different properties are connected so they were ready to decide whether further snippets were

- CORRECT, i.e. they might easily have been written by humans
- WRONG, i.e. they must have been written by bots
- MAYBE, i.e. they might have been written by humans or by bots because they combine points on different scales.

Here is a selection of the further snippets:

A. not only hyxilious but quarmic

B. jaronic but not laxaraptic

C. cromulent but not nistrotic

D. not only tamacious, but melaxious

E. not only shtingly but quarmic

F. not fligranish, just wilky

G. optaxic but not hyxilious

H. cromulent but not jaronic

I. not just optaxic but nistrotic

G1. Can you figure out which of the snippets A-I belong to which category below?

     a. CORRECT (4 snippets)
     b. WRONG (2 snippets)
     c. MAYBE (3 snippets)

CORRECT   ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

WRONG   ☐ ☐

MAYBE   ☐ ☐ ☐