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| **Mixture Description**  | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has some a clear understanding of what an mixture is. | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has some understanding of what a mixture is. | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has a basic knowledge of what an mixture is. | The students’ writing demonstrates no knowledge of what a mixture is. |
| **Compound Description** | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has some a clear understanding of what an compound is. | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has some understanding of what a compound is . | The students’ writing demonstrates the student has a basic knowledge of what an compound is. | The students’ writing demonstrates no knowledge of what a compound is. |
| **Compare Elements and Compounds.**  | The students’ writing accurately describes the difference between an element and a compound.  | The students’ writing demonstrates some understanding between the difference of a compound and an element.  | The students’ writing demonstrates a basic understanding between the difference of a compound and an element. | The students’ writing demonstrates a no understanding between the difference of a compound and an element. |
| **Compare Elements, Compounds and Mixtures**  | The students’ writing accurately describes the difference between an element a compound and a mixture. | The students’ writing accurately describes the difference between an element a compound and a mixture. | The students’ writing accurately describes the difference between an element a compound and a mixture. | The students’ writing accurately describes the difference between an element a compound and a mixture. |
| **Sentence Fluency**  | The student uses a variety of sentence which flows smoothly making the essay easy to read.  | Most of the sentences read smoothly, but more variety is needed to make the easy more interesting.  | The student uses many short , choppy sentences which makes reading the essay confusing and hard to read.  | Makes reading the essay difficult. The student uses incomplete sentences that  |

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