What do chemical words mean?

Name

Definitions tell us what words mean. Good definitions can be very helpful, but sometimes they can be confusing.

Here are some definitions of important words in science. Decide if you think the definition is correct. Put a tick in one of the boxes. Explain your reasons in the space below.

1. A substance is a name to describe solids and liquids, but not gases.

Yes, it is correct	
No, it is wrong	
I am not sure	
I think this because	

After talking with others, I think ...

2. A substance is a name to describe elements and compounds, but not mixtures.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because ...



3. A pure substance is a name to describe something that is found naturally. It has not been chemically processed in any way.

Yes, it is correct	
No, it is wrong	
I am not sure	
I think this because	

After talking with others, I think

4. A pure substance is a name to describe something that is made up of one kind of substance, not a mixture of two or more substances.

Yes, it is correct		
No, it is wrong		
I am not sure		
I think this because		



5. An element is made up of only one kind of atom.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because

After talking with others, I think

6. An element cannot be split into simpler substances.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because



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7. A compound is made of two elements mixed together.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because

After talking with others, I think

8. A compound has the combined properties of the elements from which it is made.

Yes, it is correct	
No, it is wrong	
I am not sure	
I think this because	



9. An atom is the smallest part of an element that takes part in a chemical reaction.

Yes, it is correct No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because

After talking with others, I think

10. An atom is the smallest particle of an element that still shows the chemical properties of the element.

Yes, it is correct	
No, it is wrong	
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11. A molecule is what we get when two atoms bond together.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because

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12. A molecule always contains different kinds of atoms.

Yes, it is correct

No, it is wrong

I am not sure

I think this because



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