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Subject: Review of Assignment 1:3 - Definitions

I have reviewed your first draft of Assignment 1:3 on the definition of the photoelectric effect. I am pleased to say your document reads well. I liked how you added subtitles in your expanded definition. These clearly highlighted what expanding techniques you used. Please see the following suggestions to further improve your assignment:

Scientific terms: I suggest that terms like “binding energy” (used in sentence definition) or “kinetic energy” (used in expanded definition, paragraph 2) should have parenthetical definitions. Alternatively, you could avoid these terms. For example, instead of saying “If the energy that the electron absorbs from the photon is greater than the electron’s binding energy, it will be ejected” you could say “If the photon transfers enough energy to the electron, this particle will be ejected”.

Definitions should be independent: Your parenthetical and sentence definition explain the photoelectric effect. Your expanded definition touches on more information regarding this effect, but does not directly describe it. Maybe you considered all 3 definitions to be linked rather than each one being an independent definition? To fix this, I would simply rewrite your sentence definition somewhere in the expanded version.

Citations: Your use of citations is technically correct. I do however have some stylistic suggestions. In paragraph 1 of your expanded definition, every sentence has a citation to “Photoelectric Effect”. I recommend not having more than two citations next to each other. Doing so makes it look like you are paraphrasing *all* the information. You can counter this by adding your own sentences between each cited one. Alternatively, if you need multiple citations in a row, consider different citation styles. For example, have “The photoelectric effect is defined as [...] (“Photoelectric Effect”)” followed by “The Encyclopedia Britannica demonstrates applications of the photoelectric effect in [...]”.

Illustrations: Consider using a larger version of figure 1 so that all the details are clear.

Typos: In the first sentence of the introduction you say, “The criteria of this assignment is to chose a term within my disciple [...]”. I think you mean “discipline”. Also, in the last paragraph of the expanded definition you have the citation: (“Photoelectric Effect,” Britannica). If you are using the MLA style, I think the correct form is: (“Photoelectric Effect”).

I hope you find my suggestions useful. Please feel free to contact me if you require any clarification. Good luck with your second draft!