



**Vocabulary Worksheets**  
Understanding and Using English Grammar, 4th Edition  
**Chapter 6: Subject-Verb Agreement**

### Worksheet 1. Reading: *Hippocrates*

**Read the passage about Hippocrates. Then review the glossary and complete the exercises that follow it.**

1 One of the most famous physicians in history was Hippocrates, who lived in the years  
2 around 400 BCE in ancient Greece. Hippocrates, in fact, is known as the Father of Medicine  
3 because he was the first to describe many diseases in a scientific manner.

4 He rejected the superstitions of the time in favor of scientific observation. He classified each  
5 disease that he knew about. He noted every symptom of each disease. He was the first  
6 person to describe diabetes, for example, in great detail, as well as many other illnesses  
7 and conditions, both physical and mental. He did not offer a lot of advice in the way of  
8 treatment of disease, but the diagnosis and the prognosis of each were detailed thoroughly.

9 One of Hippocrates' pain relief treatments was a powder that was made from the bark and  
10 leaves of the willow tree. This powder contained an ingredient which is known today as  
11 salicin, the main ingredient in aspirin.

12 Hippocrates was well aware of the influence of an individual's environment on health, and  
13 wrote about this in a treatise on public health: *Air, Waters, and Places*. In it, the importance  
14 of a clean, fresh water supply, as well as the effects of climate, was noted. He also noted  
15 how people's lifestyles affected their health, asking this question about the inhabitants of a  
16 particular place: *Are the people heavy drinkers and eaters and, consequently, unable to*  
17 *stand fatigue, or are they fond of work and exercise, eating wisely but drinking sparingly?*

18 Hippocrates wrote many books although the exact number is not known. He expressed his  
19 ideas not only about medicine, but about ethics and what is necessary for a good life. He  
20 created a set of moral and professional standards for physicians. One of his principles was  
21 the importance of confidentiality in a doctor-patient relationship.

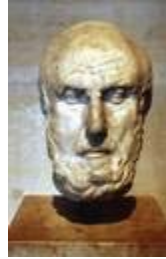
22 A lot of his observations are relevant today. For example, he noted that slim people live  
23 longer than people who are by nature overweight, and that disease can enter the body  
24 through open wounds. He suggested, too, that people eat only one or two meals per day,  
25 and not eat too much. People have better health, he believed, if they exercise and walk.



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- 26 His name survives in the Hippocratic Oath, which is a code of ethics that physicians swear  
27 by when they graduate from many modern medical schools. The most famous part of this  
28 oath is: Make a habit of two things—to help, or at least to do no harm.  
29 Hippocrates lived to the age of 104.



### Glossary

- Line 1 *physicians* — doctors of medicine  
Line 2 *BCE* — Before the Common Era, that is, all the years before the year 1  
Line 4 *superstition* — a belief that some objects or actions are lucky or unlucky, or that they cause events to happen, based on old ideas of magic  
Line 5 *symptom* — a meaningful sign that something is wrong  
Line 6 *diabetes* — a disease in which there is too much sugar in the blood  
Line 8 *diagnosis* — the discovery and/or the naming of a disease  
Line 8 *prognosis* — the doctor's opinion of how the disease will progress  
Line 9 *bark* — the outside skin of a tree  
Line 17 *fatigue* — a feeling of being extremely tired  
Line 19 *ethics* — moral beliefs and rules  
Line 21 *confidentiality* — a situation to be kept secret from others

### Comprehension practice

**Check all the statements that are true, according to the reading.**

1.  Hippocrates lived about 1,600 years ago.
2.  He was the first doctor to write about diseases scientifically.
3.  He believed in superstitions.
4.  He used a substance for pain which is still used in making aspirin.
5.  He believed that good water influenced people's health.
6.  He thought that people should eat several meals a day in order to be strong.
7.  He stated that a doctor must be careful not to do any harm.