

# WHAT WAS NEW IN GREEK MEDICINE AND WHAT STAYED THE SAME?

## *Instructions*



Read through the following list of things we have learned about in Ancient Greece. Draw up two columns in your exercise book, one called continuity and the other called change and put each idea or treatment into the correct column. You need to ask yourself if the idea/treatment was used in Ancient Egypt or in prehistoric times.



There was a god of healing  
They had temples of healing  
Some people were priests and doctors  
Exercise was seen as important  
You should watch what you eat  
Get enough sleep and rest



The body was made up of 4 humours  
Greek doctors carefully observed the symptoms of their patients  
Medical knowledge was recorded in writing  
Greek doctors could predict what would happen next with some illnesses  
People were encouraged to keep clean  
Doctors would often bleed their patients or make them sick  
Herbs and plants were used for making medicines  
The weather could affect your health  
Greek people were encouraged to clean their teeth with peppermint  
Doctors could set broken bones  
Minor surgery outside the body could be carried out  
Surgeons could drain the lungs of patients with pneumonia  
Dissection was not allowed  
Wine and vinegar was used to treat cuts and wounds  
Some people believed that the nerves carried a pneuma or life force  
They knew the difference between arteries and veins  
Charms and prayers were used  
Surgical tools were made out of metals such as copper and steel  
They brought back medical ideas from trading with other countries  
Some eye problems could be treated  
Some people were trained as specialist doctors  
Poor people would not be able to get any proper medical care

