



The History of Aspirin

You are going to watch a short animated video explaining how aspirin was discovered. Watch the video (up to 4:02) and complete the statements below with one or two words.

1. Ancient sumerians discovered that if they ate the bark of a particular tree, disappeared.
2. You can find the active ingredient of aspirin in willow trees and also in other
3. Hypocrates is considered of modern medicine.
4. In the mid 18th century Edward Stone concluded that powdered willow bark could be used as a cure for .
5. In 1853 the salicin compound was synthesised by a .
6. Aspirin was recognised as one of the first synthetic pharmaceutical
7. The “spir” in aspirin comes from the for the plant meadowsweet.
8. In the 1960s and 1970s there was a collaboration between scientists to find out how acetylsalicylic acid works.
9. Thanks to this work, these researchers won the in medicine.
10. Reye's Syndrome is a rare condition that affects the of children who have an infection.
11. In the 1980s there were more discoveries about the of aspirins.