

Antibiotic Awareness Answer Sheet

2. **False:** Antibiotics are NOT used to treat colds or flu as these are viral infections and antibiotics do not work against viral infections. Antibiotics fight infections caused by bacteria.

3. **True:** 80 percent of common infections are spread by hands. Handwashing with regular soap and water is the best way to stop the spread of infections.

4. **True:** Different antibiotics are prescribed for different types of infections. Your healthcare provider is trained to recognize which infections require antibiotic treatment, and in some instances, able to order tests to determine which antibiotic will work best for your specific infection.

5. **False:** Never share prescription medicine, the healthcare provider has chosen the medication and dose specifically for the patient.
Note: If the same infection develops within a family or workplace, this often indicates a viral infection.

6. **True:** Infections can be caused by viruses or bacteria. Even bacterial infections do not always need antibiotics. Many infections, like children's ear infections, usually go away on their own.