

The human skeleton

Read about bones. Then label the skeleton and finish the bone facts.

An adult skeleton has **206 bones**. Bones hold your body up, protect the soft organs inside, and work with your muscles so you can move. Bones are alive: they grow and can heal.

① Label the skeleton. Use the word bank.

BONES

collarbone

femur

humerus

jawbone

kneecap

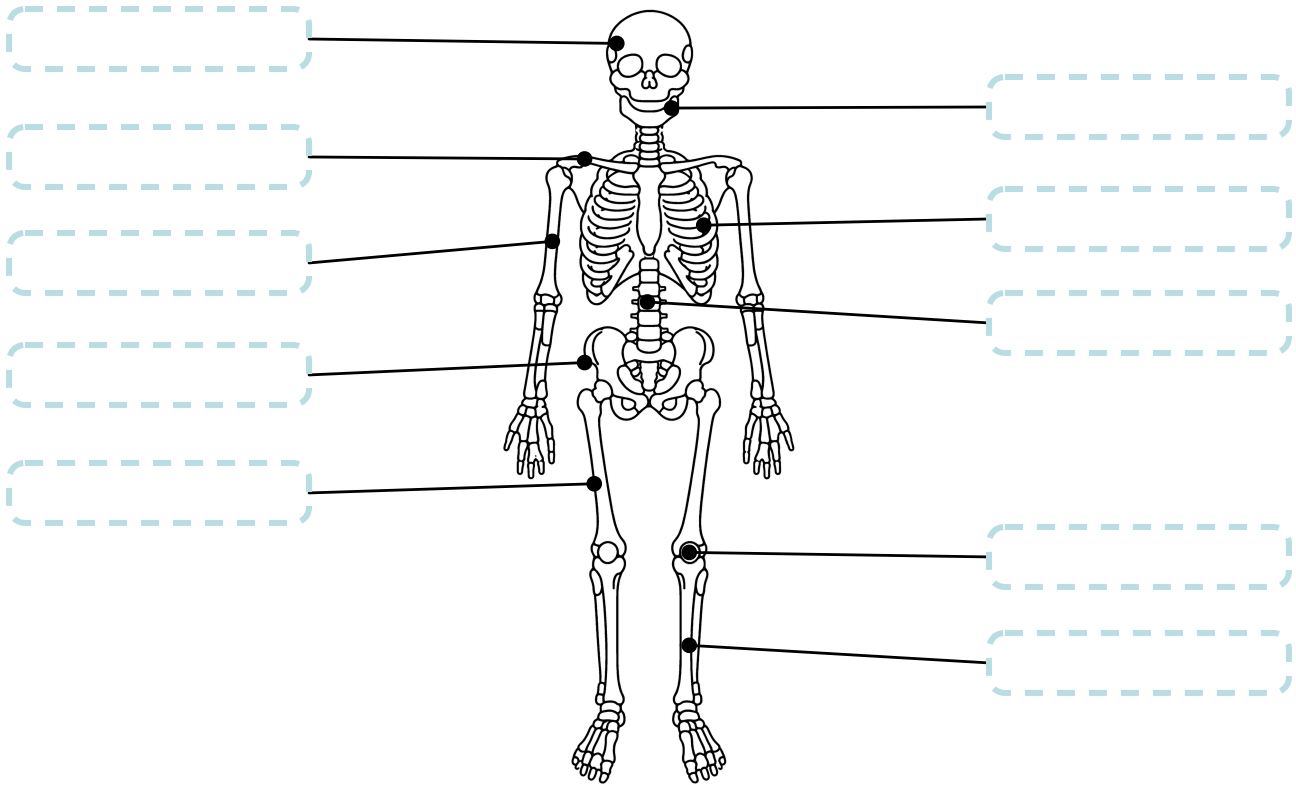
pelvis

ribs

skull

spine

tibia



② Finish each bone fact.

1. Your _____ protects your brain.
2. Your _____ make a cage that protects your heart and lungs.
3. The longest and strongest bone in your body is the _____.
4. Your spine is made of 33 small bones called _____.
5. A place where two bones meet, like your knee or elbow, is called a _____.

③ Explain.

6. What would happen if you had no skeleton? Give two reasons.