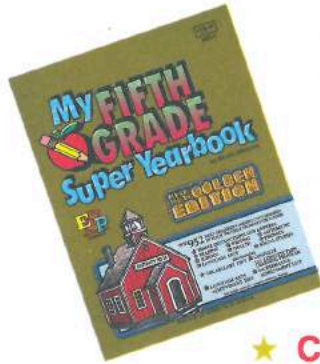


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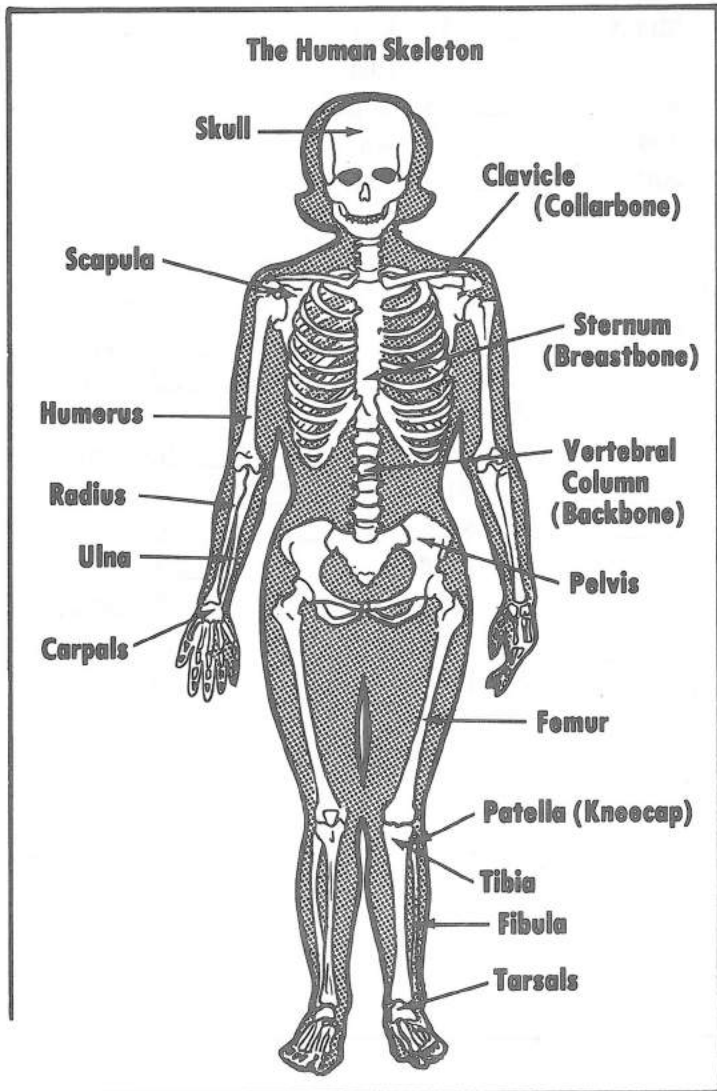
The Human Skeleton

SCIENCE FACT: The human skeleton is the stiff internal frame that supports the body. The skeleton also protects the organs inside the body, provides a surface for the attachment of muscles, and allows leverage for movement.

STOP: Read the paragraph, study the major topics in your encyclopedia, and complete the exercise.

A Underline the correct answers.

1. The human skeleton is (a. external b. internal).
2. The skeleton (a. supports b. is moved by) muscles.
3. The skeleton protects the (a. bones b. organs c. hair).
4. Bones are mostly made up of (a. fiber b. calcium c. vitamins).
5. Without a skeleton we would be spineless like (a. a jellyfish b. a zebra).
6. Insects have (a. external b. internal) skeletons.
7. The human skeleton is moved by (a. ligaments b. muscles).
8. Our bones (a. soften b. grow for several years c. do not grow).
9. Each of our bones has (a. cracks b. a purpose c. tiny hairs).
10. We need our skeletons to (a. stand b. walk).
11. Our teeth are very much like (a. bone b. muscle c. blood).
12. The bones in the body need (a. cleaning b. shaping c. calcium).
13. The skull is (a. part of the skeleton b. not made of bone).
14. The eyes are protected by (a. part of the skull b. skin c. salt).
15. The skeleton is (a. flexible b. inflexible c. soft).
16. The backbone is really (a. many bones b. three bones c. one large bone).



B Place X by each word that could help define the human skeleton.

hard x	flexible	leg
soft	pin	shout
calcium	movement	frame
dull	bone	leather
grow	piano	finger
organs	walk	energy
wind	wrist	vitamins
sit	hot	rubber