

# The Skeleton

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All your bones are linked together to form the framework for your body. The bones of the head are called the \_\_\_\_\_. The brain is protected by this helmet of smooth, curved bone.

The skull sits on top of the \_\_\_\_\_. Run your fingers down your spine. You can feel that it is made up of small \_\_\_\_\_ linked together. The narrow column of the spine runs down between and behind the hips. These bones are joined together to make up the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ bones fit into the pelvis.

At the top of the spine are the \_\_\_\_\_ bones, which are linked to the \_\_\_\_\_ bones. Twelve bones curve around from each side of the spine to the front of the chest. These bones are the \_\_\_\_\_. They form a strong cage that protects the \_\_\_\_\_ and lungs.

**Can you name these bones?**

