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Skeletal System Fill-in

Use the words in the box to fill in the blanks.

protect	skeleton	skeletal	jellyfish
blood	ribcage	cranium	marrow
shape	tendon	ligaments	move
bones	minerals		

There are 206 1) _____ in the adult human body. These bones plus the connecting tissue make up the 2) _____ system.

The skeletal system is very important for many reasons. Some bones help 3) _____ our organs. The 4) _____, for example, protects our brains and the 5) _____ protects our lungs.

The skeletal system also gives us our 6) _____. Without a 7) _____, we would be shapeless blobs like a 8) _____ or an earthworm. Our bones, which are connected by 9) _____, provide a frame for the rest of the organs, giving us our unique body shape.

The skeletal system also helps us 10) _____. Muscles, which are attached to bones by 11) _____, cause the bones to move, which makes our bodies move.

Bones also help your body store 12) _____ such as calcium. If there is too much calcium in the blood, some of it becomes bone. If there is not enough calcium, then the bones give some to the blood.

Finally, another important function of bones is to produce 13) _____. Inside bones there is a soft substance called 14) _____, which is used to make blood cells.