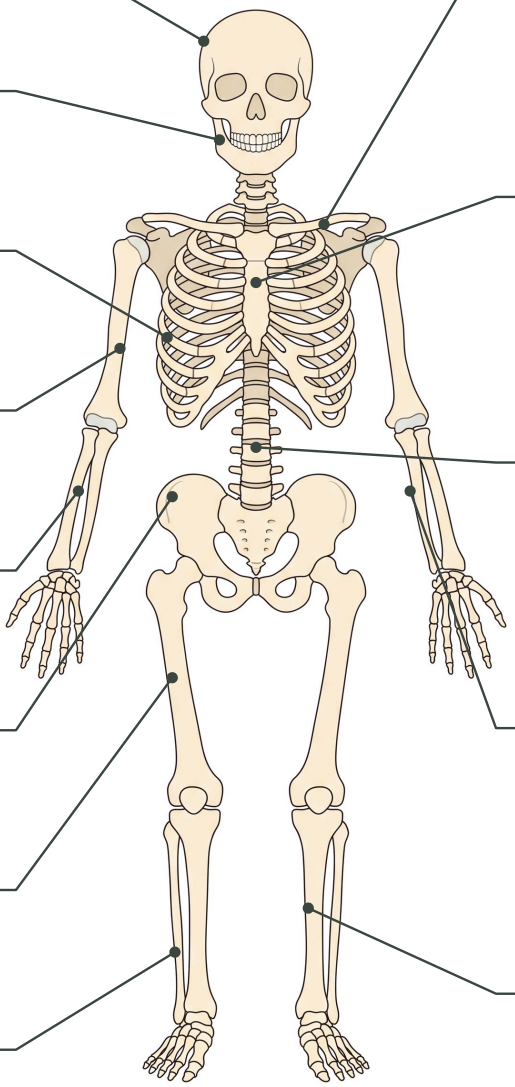
THE SKELETAL SYSTEM

HUMAN BODY *What each part does*

An adult has 206 bones. They shape the body, protect the organs inside and let the muscles move you.



Skull
Protects the brain and gives the face its shape.

Mandible
The lower jaw. It moves when you chew and talk.

Ribs
Curved bones that form a cage around the heart and lungs.

Humerus
The upper arm bone, from the shoulder to the elbow.

Radius
The forearm bone on the thumb side.

Pelvis
The hip bones. The legs join the body here.

Femur
The thigh bone. It is the longest bone in the body.

Fibula
The thinner of the two lower-leg bones.

Clavicle
The collarbone. It joins the shoulder to the chest.

Sternum
The breastbone, a flat bone at the front of the chest.

Spine
The backbone, a column of small bones called vertebrae.

Ulna
The forearm bone on the little-finger side.

Tibia
The shinbone, the larger of the two lower-leg bones.