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What is a Skeleton?

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A skeleton is an amazing collection of bones inside the body. We each have one. They come in all different shapes and sizes. Lots of animals have skeletons too.

What would happen if you didn't have a skeleton?

> Some animals, such as jellyfish, don't have a skeleton. Without your skeleton you would also be a floppy pile of jelly on the floor!

Your clever skeleton ...

1 holds you up – like scaffolding around a building

2 lets you move around, using your joints and muscles

> 3 heals itself when it breaks

> > 4 protects the different organs inside your body, like a suit of armour

> > > 5 grows and changes shape as you get older.



Let's look inside the body using our special skeleton scanner!

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