

## Why We Need A Skeleton

*Have you ever thought about why we need a skeleton ?*

Just think about the meat you see in a butcher's shop. It is soft, like our own \_\_\_\_\_. The other \_\_\_\_\_ in our body are just as soft. Without a \_\_\_\_\_, we would slump into an untidy rubbery heap. Our muscles are \_\_\_\_\_, but without a skeleton they have nothing to pull against and we would be unable to \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_.

Some organs need more \_\_\_\_\_ than others. For example, the brain and the spinal chord are protected by the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_. The heart, lungs, liver and intestines are all easily \_\_\_\_\_, so they are protected by the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ separate bones in an adult's body. As babies we start of with about \_\_\_\_\_ bones but some join together as we grow.

strong                      spine                      more                      organs  
damaged                      skull                      hip bones  
muscle                      206                      ribs                      spine  
protection                      300                      skeleton  
stand up                      move

