



## Activity: Skeleton Scavenger Hunt

1. Draw Your Skeleton! There are 206+ bones in your body. How many can you draw?

- ▶ Grab a piece of paper (a really big one if you want a life size skeleton. Have someone trace the outline of your body on it).
- ▶ You'll have a chance to add more bones later, but for now focus on the bones you know.
- ▶ Draw your skeleton starting with the big bones then keep adding more!
- ▶ As you draw your bones, take a moment to try to find that bone inside your body.

2. Skeleton Scavenger Hunt. Out of those 206+ bones there are some special bones to find. Can you add these amazing bones to your skeleton drawing?

**Ear Bones** – your smallest bones are deep inside your ear – three tiny bones that would fit on your pinky nail.

**Collar Bone** – evolved to be the wish bone in birds. Which bone helps birds fly. If you try to fly you'll break your bones.

**Elbow** – where the three bones of your arm meet. Hit it hard and you'll pinch the funny bone nerve!

**Wrist Bones** – EIGHT bones just in your wrist; give it a spin.

**2 for 1 Sale** – your lower arms and legs each have two bones, doubling the chance you'll break them.

**Heel Bone** – we walk on our heel bones but many animals like cats, horses, and dogs walk on only their toes bones!

**Skull** – by the time you were 2 years old the 21 bones that make up the top of your skull had fused together. Add swiggly suture joints where they merged to your drawing.

**Teeth** – the only part of your skeleton that sticks out of your body.

**It's a Boy!** – The hipbones are the only bones that lets us tell if a skeleton is a girl or boy. Boys have round hip bones and girls have oval ones. All about the babies.

**Tail Bone** – you have a one inch tail made up of 2-3 small bones. A dog can have over 20 bones in its tail. The tailbone's scientific name looks like a secret code word ... COCCYX.

**Knee Cap** – this bone protects your knee joint. It's fun to slide it around with your fingers.

To see images of each bone visit [eskeletons.org](http://eskeletons.org)