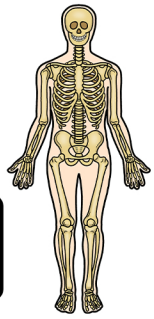


FUN FACTS ABOUT THE SKELETAL SYSTEM



HANDS AND FEET

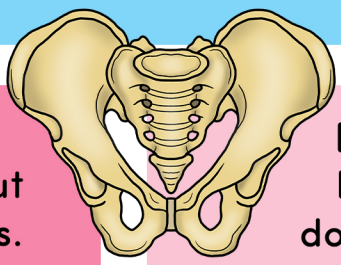
More than half of the bones in your body are in your hands and feet. Each hand has 27 bones, and each foot has 26.

BLOOD FACTORY

Red bone marrow makes about 2 million new red blood cells every second.

LEG LENGTH

The femur is the longest bone in the body. It makes up about one-quarter of a person's height.



BORN WITH MORE

Babies are born with about 300 bones and bone parts. Many of them fuse together as a child grows, leaving 206 bones in an adult skeleton.

BRAND NEW SKELETON

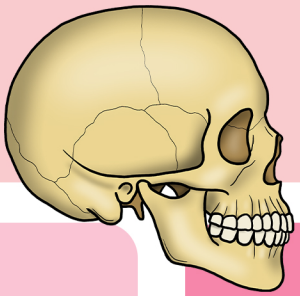
Bone is constantly broken down and rebuilt. Over about 10 years, the body replaces almost its entire skeleton.

TINY BUT MIGHTY

The smallest bone in the body is the stapes, deep inside the ear. It is about the size of a grain of rice.

CALCIUM BANK

About 99 percent of the calcium in your body is stored in your bones and teeth.



SOFT KNEES

Babies' kneecaps are made of cartilage. They slowly turn into bone during early childhood, around ages 3 to 5.



FLOATING BONE

The hyoid bone in the neck is the only bone that does not connect to any other bone. It helps hold up the tongue.

THUMBS UP

The saddle joint at the base of your thumb lets it move across your palm, which is what allows you to grip a pencil.

SUPERSTARWORKSHEETS

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