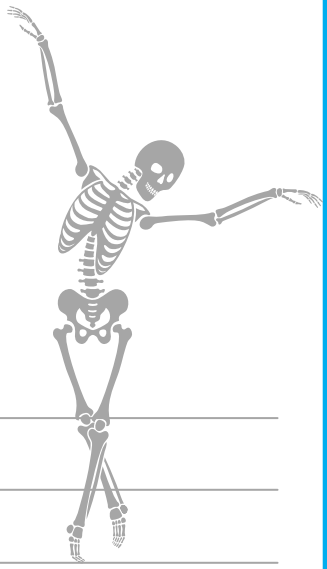




Skeletons!

1. What do human skeletons do? Pick all that apply.

- Protect our most important organs, like our brains, lungs, and heart
- Join up to other skeletons
- Transport oxygen around the body
- Make blood cells
- Hold us up and allow us to move
- Transport the brain's messages around the body



2. What is one thing you did this week to take care of your bones?

3. Shade the bones of the axial skeleton in one colour, and the appendicular skeleton in another.

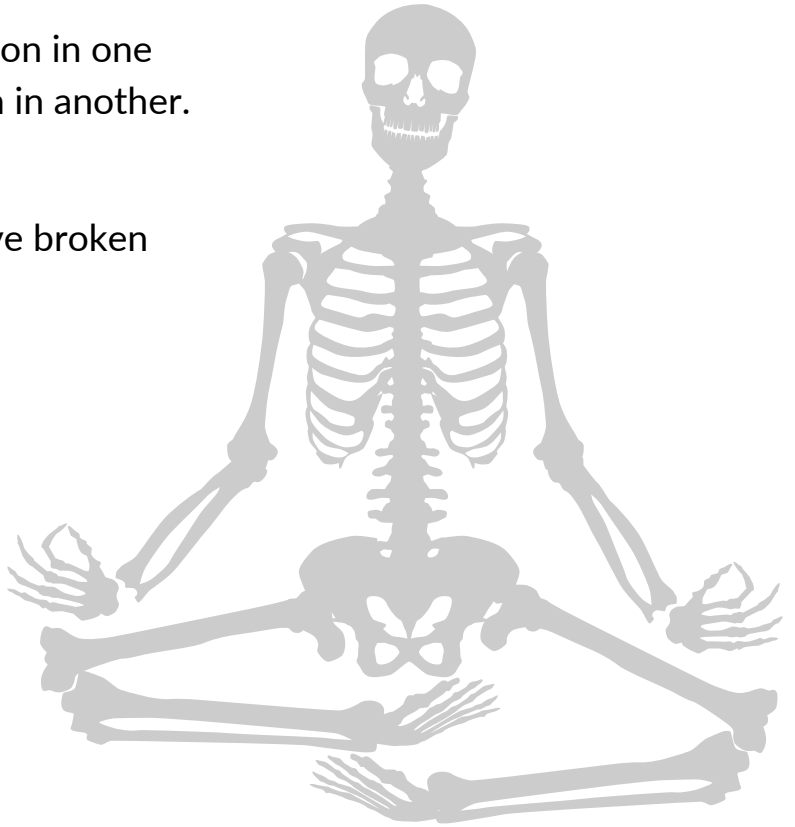
Fill out the key.

- Axial skeleton Bones I have broken
- Appendicular skeleton

4. Finish the sentences.

The main job of the axial skeleton is to _____

The main job of the appendicular skeleton is to _____



5. If something goes wrong with a bone, you can sometimes have a prosthetic—or artificial—bone put in. About 3,000 years ago, ancient Egyptians developed what is believed to be the first prosthesis: an artificial big toe. Have a look at this picture of Ancient Egyptian sandals. Why do you think a prosthetic toe would have been especially helpful? (Hint: imagine wearing thongs if you didn't have a toe.)



Inside the tomb of King Tutankhamun were 80 pairs of sandals, including these! (Image: Mary Harrsch / CC BY-NC-SA 2.0)

6. Why do you think skeletons have such a strong association with Halloween? Do you find them scary?
