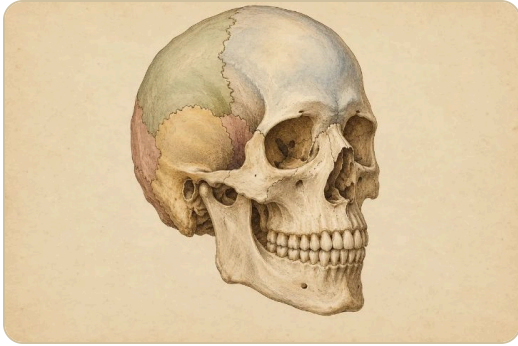


Name: _____

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How many bones are in the skull?

**READ**

The skull has 22 bones that fit together like a puzzle. Eight make a "box" that protects the brain and fourteen make the face. Only one of them moves: the mandible, your chin bone.

1 Which part is it? Use the words in the box.

Parietal bones

Occipital bone

Frontal bone

1. This is your forehead bone. It works like a helmet at the front of your head and protects your brain. _____
2. Two big bones that make the roof of your head, like the two halves of a roof. _____
3. It sits at the back of your head. It has a big hole underneath where the spinal cord passes; the spinal cord works like a cable linking your brain to the rest of your body. _____

2 Match each part to where it is. Write the letter.

- ☐ 1. Temporal bones
- ☐ 2. Sphenoid bone
- ☐ 3. Ethmoid bone
- ☐ 4. Zygomatic bones

- A.** Your cheekbones
- B.** Between your eyes, behind your nose
- C.** In the middle of the skull base
- D.** Next to your ears

3 True or false? Write T or F.

- ☐ 1. **Frontal bone:** your forehead
- ☐ 2. **Parietal bones:** top and sides of your head
- ☐ 3. **Occipital bone:** your upper jaw
- ☐ 4. **Maxillae (upper jaw):** the back of your head

4 Think and answer

What is the only bone in the head that moves?



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Answer key: How many bones are in the skull?

1 Which part is it?

1. Frontal bone
2. Parietal bones
3. Occipital bone

2 Match each part to where it is.

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. A

3 True or false?

1. T
2. T
3. F (Occipital bone: the back of your head)
4. F (Maxillae (upper jaw): your upper jaw)

4 Think and answer

The mandible, your chin bone. It connects to the temporal bones just in front of the ears and lets you open and close your mouth to talk, chew and yawn.

