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The human skeletal system is a framework of bones which gives shape to the body. It is made of bones and the cartilage. The main bones are the ribs, backbone, skull, shoulder bones and the pelvic bones.

The **rib cage** is a bony cage that protects the delicate organs like lungs and heart. It has many bones which are attached to the sternum.

The **backbone** starts from the neck at the back of your body. It is made of many smaller bones and is connected to the rib cage.

The **skull** is composed of many bones joined together and protects the most important organ of our body, the brain.

The bones at shoulder are the **shoulder bones** while the portion on which we sit is the **pelvic bone**.

Cartilage

A tough, elastic, fibrous connective tissue found in various parts of the body, such as the joints, outer ear, and larynx. It is not as hard as bone and also can bend.

