

Fill in the Gaps – Activity – The Skeleton

Select from the following words to fill in the blanks:

*skull cervical vertebral column abdominal wall disks coccyx heart thoracic
sacrum five twelve sternum thickest lungs lumbar liver smallest spine
bones vertebrae sternum*

The skeleton holds the body erect and protects the main organs including the _____, the _____ and the _____. It includes the _____, the _____, the rib cage and the _____.

The spine is also known as the _____ and is a flexible column made up of 33 vertebrae or _____. It can be divided into _____ regions. The neck is the _____ region which supports the skull. The next section is the _____ section which helps to protect the chest, with the ribs. The third section in the lower back is the _____ section. The next section is the _____ which has five vertebrae fused to a triangular bone and makes up part of the hip. The final section is the _____.

The _____ are all different in size, the ones in the cervical area are the _____ and those in the lumbar area are the _____. The vertebrae are protected with _____ or cartilage pads to absorb shock.

The thorax is the rib cage which has _____ pairs of ribs, all joined to the vertebrae. The first seven pairs are joined to the _____ the next three pairs are attached to each other and the last two pairs are attached to the _____.