The Skeleton

The bones inside your body are joined together to make your skeleton. There are over 200 bones in your skeleton. Some of them, such as those in your ear, are very small; while others, like those in your leg are quite large.

Your skeleton does 3 main jobs:

1. It supports your body and stops you from flopping over.
2. It helps you to move.
3. It protects some of your organs. For example, the skull protects your brain and your ribs protect your heart and lungs.

(1) Which label on the skeleton points to:
   a. skull ___  b. ribs ___  c. backbone ___
   d. jaw ___  e. pelvis ___ f. thighbone ___

(2) Which of the bones labelled would you be moving when:
   a. You talk __________
   b. You walk __________
   c. You breathe deeply? __________

(3) Not all animals have skeletons. Which of the following animals do not have a skeleton?
   a. fish ___  b. worm ___  c. slug ___
   d. rabbit ___  e. frog ___  f. jellyfish ___

(4) Copy and complete the passage:

   It helps you to move. The skull and the ribs are made of b___ and form part of the s__________. The s___ is found in the head where it protects the b_______. The r___ are found in the c__________, where they protect the h______ and l_______.

   The skull protects your brain and your ribs protect you heart and lungs.