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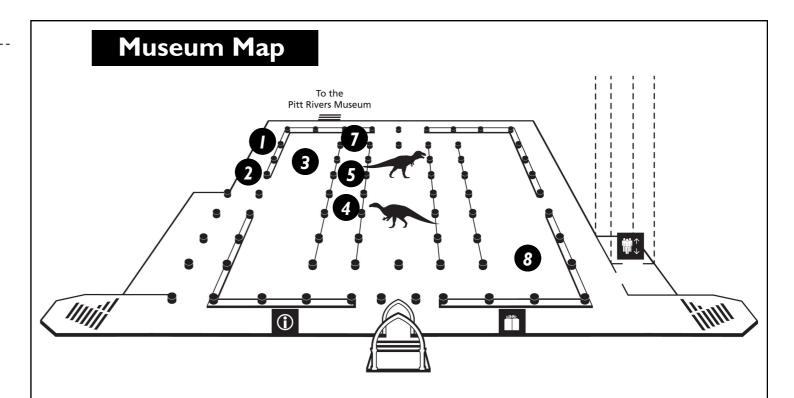
Look carefully at the human skeleton. Draw the missing parts onto the picture. Discuss how the real skeleton and the one in the picture are different. Add these labels to the skeleton picture: skull ribs spine pelvis Joints are where bones meet. They allow the skeleton to move. Circle 2 places where you can see joints.

Did you know...

... there are 206 bones in the human body? Half are in our hands and feet!



2 Amazing Ape	
Find the gorilla skeleton.	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Can you see 2 differences between the gorilla and a human skeleton?	
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Stand like the gorilla. Do your arms reach as far down?	



3 Brilliant Bones		
Find the big row of skeletons.		
Which one is the tallest?		
How many have antlers or horns?		
How many have more than 2 toes?		
Now find the 2 big elephant skeletons.		
Which parts of an elephant's head are missing because they do not have a bony skeleton?		
Study the elephant leg bones. Discuss with a friend:		
 How are they different to the leg bones of the giraffe? Why do you think they are different? 		

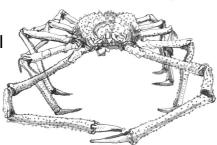
Did you know...

... **giraffes** have the same number of bones in their necks as humans do. How do you **think** they are different?





Not all animals have an internal skeleton.



Find the big spider crab.

This has an exoskeleton - a skeleton on the outside.

What do you think this skeleton would be particularly good for?

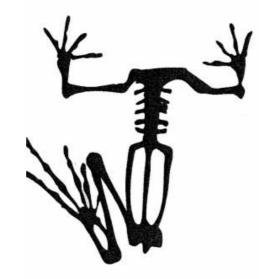
support

protection

movement



Find the big **goliath frog** skeleton in the Amphibians case.



Look carefully at the skeleton and draw the missing parts onto the picture.

How do you think the long toes help the frog to move?

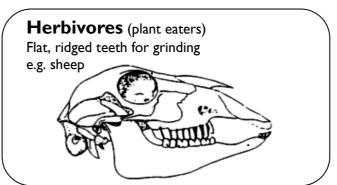


6 Terrific Teeth

Animals' teeth look different depending on what they eat.

Choose your favourite herbivore and carnivore skeletons in the Museum and look carefully at their teeth.

Draw them here.



Carnivores (meat eaters) Sharp, pointed teeth for biting and tearing e.g. lion.

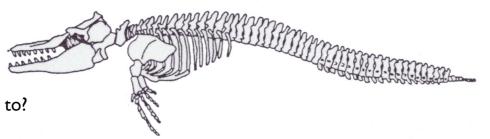






Look up above you.

What kind of animals do you these skeletons belong to?



Find the big *fish* skeleton in its own case.

What kind of fish is it?

Did you expect them to be this big?!



Did you know...

... shark skeletons are not made of bone, but cartilage. Your ears have cartilage to make them stiff - can you feel it? Cartilage makes sharks more lightweight and flexible.



8 Vast Vertebra

Walk to the edge of the museum and **find** the huge whale vertebra.



Put your hand through the hole near the top.

What do you think goes in here normally?