

## Under our skeleton

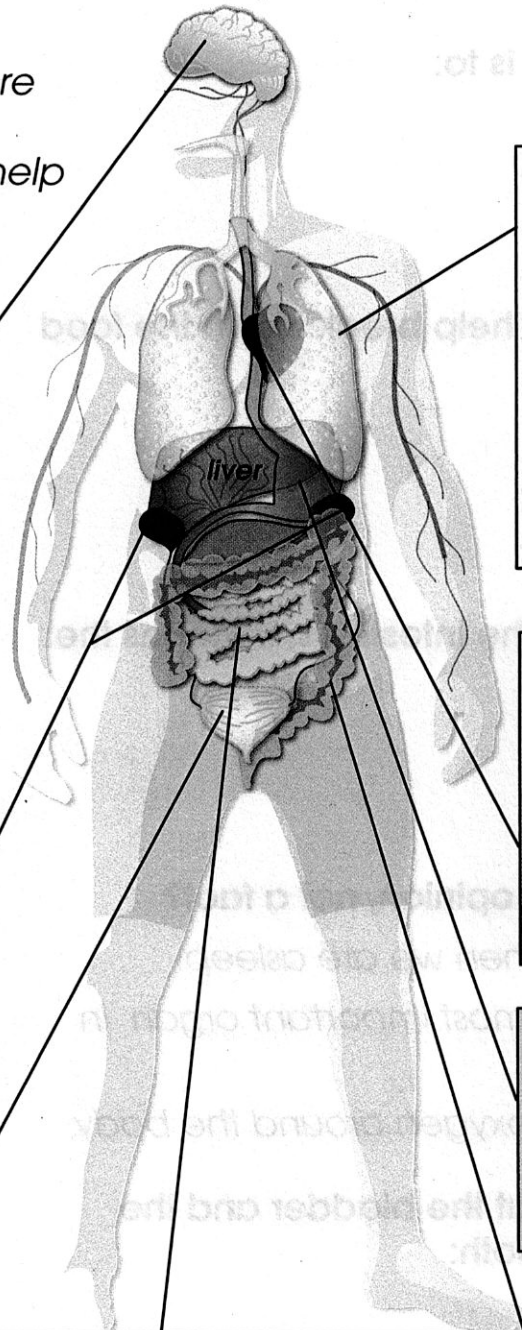
1. All of our bones make up what is known as our skeleton. When we are born, we have about 350 bones. As we grow, many of these join together and by the time we become adults we have only 206 bones. Our skeleton protects our body parts underneath it, allows us to stand upright and helps us to move.
2. The picture below shows some of the organs under our skeleton. An organ is a part of our body that has a particular job. What is the job of each of these organs?

Our five sense organs are the **eyes, ears, nose, tongue** and **skin**. They help us to see, hear, smell, taste and touch.

The **brain** is the 'boss' of our body, even when we are asleep. It controls our thinking, feelings and movement.

The **kidneys** are found behind the stomach and liver. They help to filter wastes out of the blood. The wastes mix with water to make urine.

The **bladder** collects the urine from the kidneys. From there it gets sent along a tube to be passed out of our body.



The **lungs** are one of the largest organs. They work with other body parts to breathe in the fresh air we need to live and to get rid of stale air. Did you know they also help us to talk?

The **heart** pumps blood containing oxygen around the body. The blood moves through many arteries and veins called blood vessels.

The **stomach** digests food with the help of special juices. The liver also helps digest food.

The **small intestine** continues to break down what is left from the stomach.

Then the **large intestine** carries the waste to our rectum, where it gets passed out of our body.