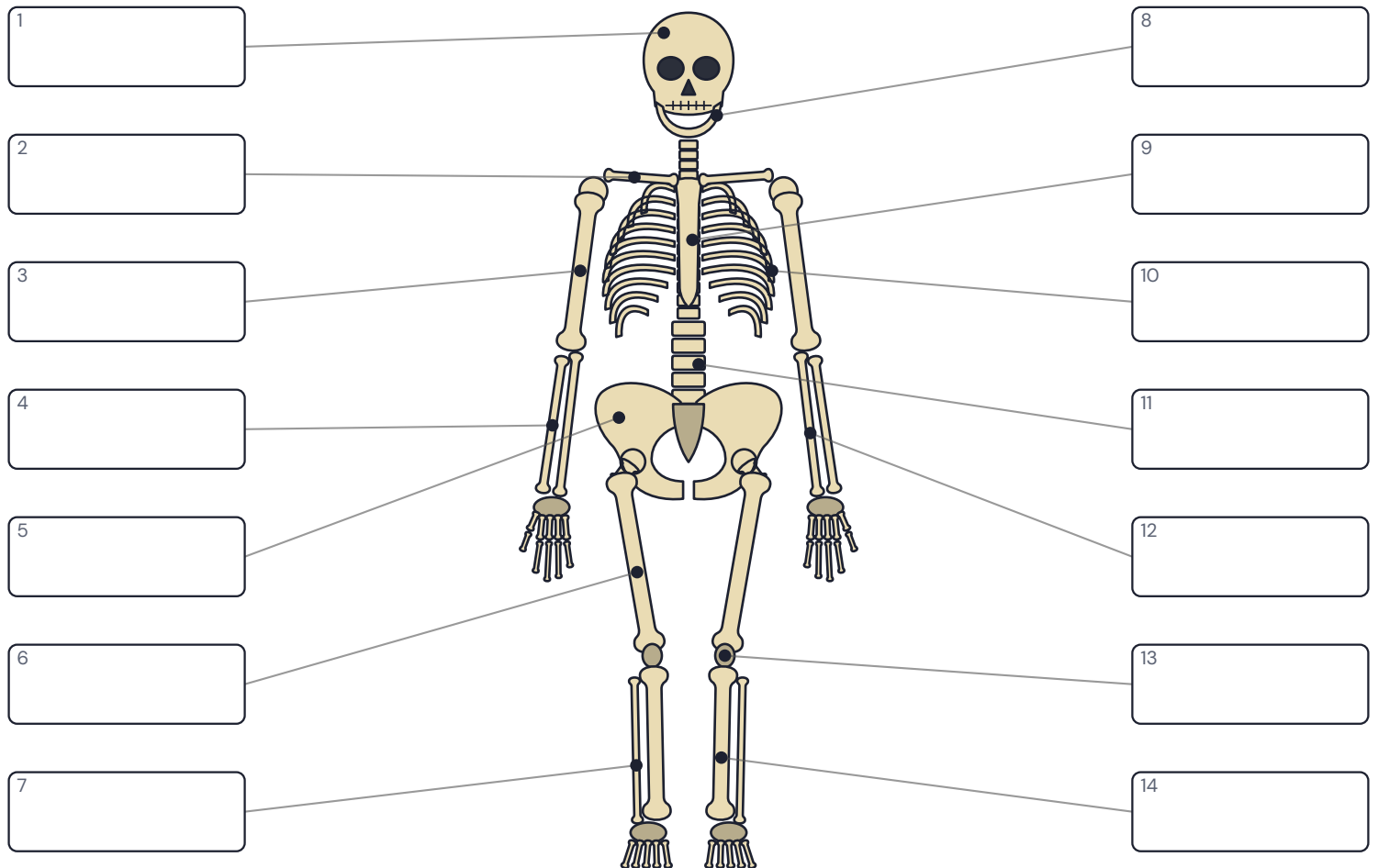


The human skeleton

Write the name of each bone in its box. The word bank has the names.

Name _____ Date _____



Word bank

Clavicle (collarbone)

Humerus (upper arm bone)

Pelvis (hip bones)

Skull

Ulna

Femur (thigh bone)

Mandible (lower jaw)

Radius

Sternum (breastbone)

Vertebral column (backbone)

Fibula (calf bone)

Patella (kneecap)

Ribs

Tibia (shinbone)

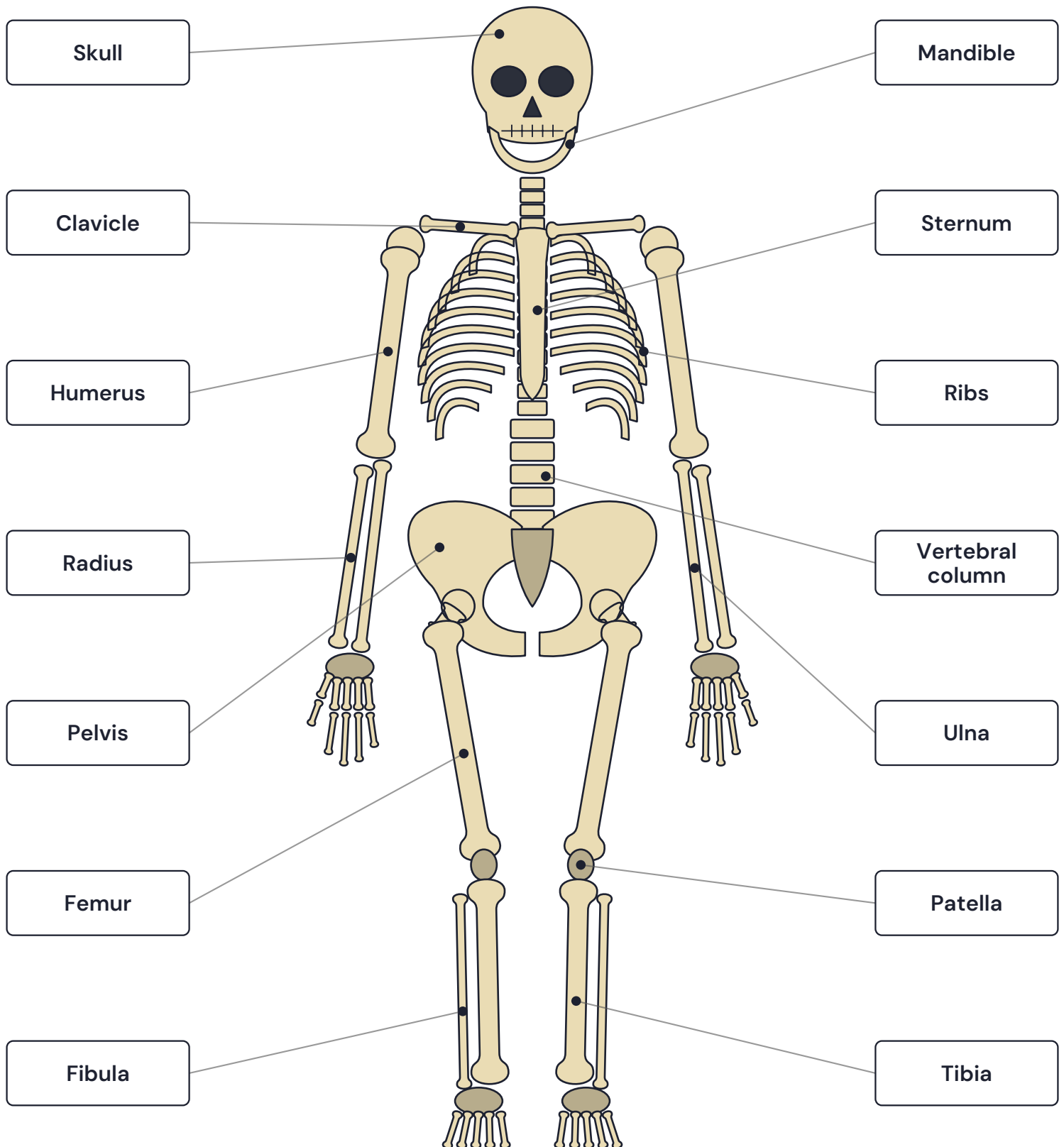
1. Which bone protects the brain?

2. Which bones protect the heart and lungs?

3. Which is the longest bone in the body?

The human skeleton: answer key

An adult's skeleton, seen from the front.



The human skeleton: what each bone is

Skull

The bones of the head. They surround and protect the brain.

Mandible

The lower jaw, the only bone of the skull that moves. It holds the bottom teeth.

Clavicle

The collarbone. It joins the breastbone to the shoulder blade.

Sternum

The breastbone, the long flat bone at the front of the chest. The first seven ribs on each side join it.

Ribs

Twelve pairs of curved bones. With the breastbone and the backbone they make the rib cage, which protects the heart and lungs.

Humerus

The upper arm bone. It runs from the shoulder to the elbow.

Vertebral column

The backbone, or spine: 26 bones from the skull down to the tailbone. They protect the spinal cord.

Radius

One of the two bones of the forearm, on the thumb side.

Ulna

The other forearm bone, on the little finger side. It is longer than the radius.

Pelvis

The hip bones. They join the backbone to the legs and hold up the weight of the upper body.

Femur

The thigh bone, the only bone between the hip and the knee. It is the longest bone in the body.

Patella

The kneecap. It covers and protects the front of the knee.

Tibia

The shinbone, the larger of the two bones between the knee and the ankle.

Fibula

The calf bone: the thin bone beside the tibia. Its lower end makes the outside of the ankle.

An adult's skeleton usually has 206 bones: 80 in the head, the backbone, the ribs and the breastbone, and 126 in the shoulders, arms, hips and legs.

Answers: 1. The skull. 2. The ribs. 3. The femur.