

AXIAL SKELETON

OBJECTIVES

- How to get ready: Read CHAPTER 7, MCKINLEY ET AL., HUMAN ANATOMY, 2024 RELEASE. All text references are for this textbook. Learning the meanings of the **bone markings** and features is very helpful. There are tables provided in your text and at the end of this activity for understanding the meanings of common bone markings. Refer to these as you are studying bone anatomy.
- ☐ Identify the **cranial and facial bones** and important **bone markings** on each.
- ☐ Identify the types of vertebrae and other features of the vertebral column and important bone markings on each.
- ☐ Identify the ribs and sternum and important bone markings on each.
- Before next class: Preview Appendicular Skeleton terms lists from SLCC Anatomy Laboratory website or your printed laboratory manual and your textbook.



Axial Skeleton Bones and Features

TABLE 3-1. Sinuses, Sutures, and Fontanelles		
STRUCTURES TO IDENTIFY	TEXT REFERENCES	
SUTURES —Know which bones are joined by each major suture, and be able to identify these from any view.	FIG. 7.5, 7.6	
□ coronal suture		
□ sagittal suture		
□ squamous suture		
□ lambdoid suture		
PARANASAL SINUSES —Air-filled chambers named for the bone in which they are housed. They can be identified in different sections of the skull.	FIG. 7.3; FIG. 7.24	
☐ frontal sinus		
□ ethmoidal sinus		
□ sphenoidal sinus		
□ maxillary sinus		
FONTANELLES —Features (soft spots) of the fetal skull.	FIG. 7.27	
□ anterior/frontal fontanelle		
□ sphenoidal fontanelle		
□ mastoid fontanelle		
□ posterior fontanelle		

TABLE 3-2. Cranial and facial bones: You are responsible for determining left or right on all paired cranial and facial bones. Paired bones are indicated by (2) in parentheses.

BONE	BONE MARKINGS	SIGNIFICANCE/NOTES	TEXT REFERENCES
□ frontal	□ supraorbital foramen (notch) □ frontal sinus	□ moistens air	FIG 7.4, 7.10
□ parietal (2)			
□ nasal (2)			FIG. 7.4

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	□ greater wing		
	□ lesser wing		
	□ sella turcica	houses pituitary gland	
	□ optic foramen/canal	CNII (optic nerve)	
	□ foramen ovale	CNV	CHAPTER 7,
	☐ foramen rotundum	CNV	MULTIPLE - FIGURES
	☐ foramen spinosum		ITIOOKES
□ sphenoid	□ foramen lacerum	foramen formed between occipital, sphenoid, and temporal bones	
	□ superior orbital fissure		
	□ inferior orbital fissure	CNV, CNIII, CNIV, CNV, CNVI foramen formed between maxilla, sphenoid, and zygomatic bones	FIG. 7.4
	□ sphenoidal sinus	moistens air	
	□ pterygoid processes		
	□ lateral and medial plates		
□ ethmoid	□ perpendicular plate	superior part of nasal septum	
	□ superior & middle nasal concha	increase surface area for warming and filtering air	
	□ cribriform plate	cribriform foramina in cribriform plate are passageways for olfactory nerves	FIG. 7.9, 7.16
	□ crista galli	attachment site for dura mater to skull	
□ inferior nasal concha (2)		increase surface area for warming and filtering air	FIG. 7.4
□ lacrimal (2)	□ lacrimal groove (nasolacrimal canal)	passageway for nasolacrimal duct	FIG. 7.6
□ zygomatic (2)	□ temporal process	form anterior portion of zygomatic arch	FIG. 7.6, 7.18

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	□ infraorbital foramen	CNV		
	□ alveolar processes	contain upper teeth		
□ maxilla (2)	□ palatine process	form anterior portion of hard palate	FIG. 7.4, 7.6,	
	□ incisive foramen (fossa)	branch from CNV foramen formed at the junction between left and right maxilla	7.7, 7.8, 7.21	
	□ body			
	□ ramus			
	□ alveolar processes	contain lower teeth		
	□ angle			
⊓ mandible	□ mental foramen	CNV (mandibular branch); blood vessels	FIG. 7.4, 7.6,	
⊔ mandible	□ coronoid process	insertion point of temporalis and masseter muscle	7.22	
	□ mandibular condyle □ condylar process □ head	forms joint with mandibular fossa of temporal bone		
	□ mandibular notch			
	□ zygomatic process	forms posterior portion of zygomatic arch		
	□ squamous region	squamous = flat		
	□ styloid process	attachment for hyoid bone and tongue muscles		
	☐ mastoid process	insertion for sternocleidomastoid muscle		
□ temporal (2)	□ external acoustic/auditory meatus	opening to the auditory canal	FIG. 7.4-7.9,	
p (=/	□ petrous part	houses inner ear structures	7.12	
	□ jugular foramen	internal jugular vein; CNIX, CNX, CNXI foramen formed between temporal and occipital bones		
	□ carotid canal	internal carotid artery		
	□ mandibular fossa	forms joint with mandibular condyle		
	□ internal acoustic meatus	CNVII, CNVIII, and blood vessels to inner ear		

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	□ foramen magnum	spinal cord; vertebral arteries; CNXI		
	□ hypoglossal canal	CNXII (hypoglossal nerve)		
□ occipital	□ external occipital protuberance and crest	attachment site for neck/ back muscles	FIG. 7.5-7.9, 7.13	
	□ occipital condyles	articulates with atlas (C1 vertebra)		
□ palatine (2)	□ horizontal plate	form posterior portion of hard palate	FIG. 7.7, 7.8, 7.20	
□ vomer		forms inferior part of nasal septum	FIG. 7.7, 7.8, 7.19	
□ hyoid (not a cranial or facial bone)		articulates with no other bones; supports tongue and soft tissue	FIG. 7.26	

TABLE 3-3. **Vertebrae:** Most of the 32 vertebrae have the following features to identify: *lamina*, *pedicle*, *transverse process*, *articular processes*, *vertebral foramen*, *body*, *intervertebral foramen*.

BONE NAME	# BONES	BONE MARKING	DESCRIPTION & RELATED STRUCTURES OF IMPORTANCE
			FIG. 7.28, 7.29, TABLE 7.5
		□ lamina	connects transverse to spinous process
		□ pedicle	connects body to transverse process
		□ transverse process	process directed laterally
		□ spinous process	process directed posteriorly
typical vertebra (pl.	32 total	□ articular processes and facets (superior and inferior)	form joints between adjacent vertebrae
vertebrae)		□ vertebral foramen	contains spinal cord
		□ body	largest part of the vertebra
		□ intervertebral disc (not a bone)	fibrocartilage found between adjacent vertebral bodies
		□ intervertebral foramen	between any two vertebrae, contains spinal nerves
□ cervical vertebra	7	□ transverse foramen	contains vertebral artery and vein
□ atlas (C1)			C1 has no body
□ axis (C2)		□ odontoid process (dens)	dens articulates with C1
□ vertebra p (C7)	rominens	□ spinous process	very large, easily felt under the skin
□ thoracic vertebra	12	□ costal facet	transverse process contains facets for articulation of the angle of a rib
□ lumbar vertebra	5		
			FIG. 7.31
		□ anterior sacral foramina	contain ventral rami of sacral spinal nerves
	5 (fused)	□ posterior sacral foramina	contain dorsal rami of sacral spinal nerves
□ sacrum		□ median sacral crest	represents fused spinous processes of sacral vertebrae
		□ auricular surfaces	ear-like process, articulates with the auricular surface of the ilium
		□ superior articular processes	articulate with inferior articular processes of L5
🗆 соссух	2 to 3 (fused)	□ cornu (horns)	small horns that point superiorly

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TABLE 3-4. Sternum and ribs		
BONE	BONE MARKING	TEXT REFERENCES
□ STERNUM		
	□ sternal (jugular) notch	
_ ma a mu h riu ma	□ sternal angle	
□ manubrium	□ clavicular notch	FIG. 7.32
	□ costal notches	
□ body	□ costal notches	
□ xiphoid process		
□ RIBS		
□ RIBS	□ head (<i>capitulum</i>) of rib	
□ RIBS	□ head (<i>capitulum</i>) of rib □ neck of rib	
□ RIBS □ true ribs (1–7)	□ neck of rib	FIG. 7.33
	□ neck of rib □ tubercle of rib	FIG. 7.33
	□ neck of rib □ tubercle of rib □ angle	FIG. 7.33
	□ neck of rib □ tubercle of rib □ angle □ costal groove	FIG. 7.33

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Understanding the meaning of each bone marking is very helpful in learning the landmarks of individual bones. These tables are provided as a study resource, and you won't be tested on the descriptions of these terms.

Helpful bone marking terms used in Axial Skeleton

ANATOMICAL TERMS	DESCRIPTION
auricular (auricle)	ear
axis	the central line of a body or part, where rotation takes place
carotid	to put to sleep
coronoid	shaped like a crown
costal	rib
crista galli	crest of a rooster
cribriform	sieve-like
concha	shell
hypoglossal	under the tongue
jugular	neck
lacrimal	a tear (drop)
magnum	great
manubrium	handle
mastoid	shaped like breast
mental	chin
odontoid	tooth-like
orbit	circle, bony socket for the eyeball
prominens	projecting
petrous	rocky
pterygoid	wing-shaped
sacrum	sacred or strong bone
sella turcica	Turkish saddle
sphenoid	wedge-shaped
squamous	scale-like
sternum	chest
styloid	pencil-like structure
xiphoid	sword-shaped

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Helpful bone marking terms used in both Axial and Appendicular Skeleton

ANATOMICAL TERMS	DESCRIPTION
alveolus (pl., alveoli)	deep pit or socket
canal	a "water-pipe", passageway through a bone
condyle	large articulating rounded structure, knuckle
crest	prominent ridge-like projection
epicondyle	adjacent projection to a condyle
facet	small, smooth and shallow articulating surface
fissure	cleft; narrow, slit-like opening through a bone
foramen (pl., foramina)	rounded passage through a bone, a hole
fossa	shallow depression, a concavity within a surface
head	prominent and rounded epiphysis
line	low ridge
linea	line
notch	an indentation
process	going forward, outgrowth in a bone
protuberance	a bulging bone feature
ramus (pl., rami)	branch
sinus	hollow space in a bone
spine	a thorn, sharp or pointed slender process
sulcus	groove
trochanter	a runner, massive projection only found in femur
trochlea	a pulley
tubercle	small prominence, small rounded projection
tuberosity	large, rough projection