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Pearl was intrigued by the skeletal system. She learned some fun facts along the way and wanted to share them with you.

Did you know that...

-  your bones will stop growing when you are 25?
-  "osteo" is the Greek word for bone?
-  bones can stick around for 1,000 years before decaying?
-  approximately 1/7 of your total body weight is bone?
-  the smallest bone, the staples bone, is located in the ear?
-  there are 24 ribs in the human body (12 pairs)?
-  1 in every 200 people will have 1 or 2 extra ribs?
-  the skull is a collection of 22 fused bones?
-  osteoblast cells will help fix broken bones?
-  bone is 4 times lighter than steel?
-  the strongest bone in the body is the thigh bone, or femur?
-  the femur is about 2 feet long in an adult?
-  bones meet at joints?
-  babies are born with 300 bones?
-  a greenstick fracture is the most common fracture in children?
-  a simple fracture is a clean break in just one spot?
-  a compound fracture is when there is a break in the skin around the fracture?
-  new bone called "osteoid" is made of bone collagen and other proteins?

