Questio	n Sheet
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	"Bones on the Go!" Questions
1.	The author begins the passage saying, "Let's get down to the bare bones." The figurative meaning of "bare bones" is: "the most basic parts of something, without any detail." The author started an article about the skeletal system with this figurative use of "bare bones" to emphasize that a. the skeleton is made up of bones. b. a person's skeleton is basic to the structure of his/her body. c. the skeleton lacks details such as muscles, tendons, ligaments. d. all of the above.
2.	To say "the ribs provide a protective casing," means the ribs a. protect the heart, lungs, and other organs. b. can easily be broken. c. are not bones. d. cannot be penetrated.
3.	Which of the following functions does the skeleton not do? a. give the body its shape.b. protect the organs inside.c. tell the nerves when to feel pain.d. combine with muscles to enable movement.
4.	A figurative use of "bone up" means to study something. The literal meaning of "bone up" as used in the article is to a. make your backbone longer. b. become taller by lengthening your thighbone. c. increase the number of bones you have. d. strengthen the bones in your body.
5.	Why do you think hands and feet have so many bones, while legs and arms have fewer?