

# skeleton

[ˈskelɪtn̩] *n*

1. 1) скелет  
human [animal] skeleton - скелет человека [животного]
- 2) скелет, живые мощи, кожа да кости  
to be reduced /to shrivel/ to a skeleton - превратиться в живые мощи; ≅ одна тень осталась
2. остов, каркас  
the metal [the steel] skeleton of a building - металлический [стальной] каркас здания
3. схема, план, набросок, костяк  
the skeleton of a speech [of a lecture] - набросок /конспект/ речи [лекции]  
the skeleton of a play - канва /план/ пьесы  
skeleton diagram [plan] - схематическая диаграмма [-ий план]; общая схема [-ий план]  
skeleton map - контурная карта
4. минимальное количество; что-л. сведённое к минимуму  
skeleton army [company] - армия [рота] сокращённой численности; неукомплектованная армия [рота]  
skeleton crew - а) **воен.** расчёт сокращённой численности; б) **ав.** неукомплектованный экипаж  
◇ skeleton drill - тактические строевые учения  
skeleton equipment - штурмовое снаряжение  
skeleton view - фантомное/полупрозрачное/ изображение  
a skeleton at the feast - «мертвец на пиру», горькое напоминание *или* предостережение пирующим  
a skeleton in the cupboard /in the closet/, the family skeleton - семейная тайна; тайна, тщательно скрывающаяся от посторонних

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skel-eton [skeleton skeletons] **BrE** ['skelɪtn̩] <sup>u</sup> **NAmE** ['skelɪtn̩] <sup>u</sup> **noun**



1. **countable** the structure of bones that supports the body of a person or an animal; a model of this structure
  - The human skeleton consists of 206 bones.
  - a dinosaur skeleton



2. **countable** (informal) a very thin person or animal
    - The disease has reduced her to a skeleton.
  3. **countable**, usually singular the main structure that supports a building, etc.  
**Syn:** ↑framework
    - Only the concrete skeleton of the factory remained.
  4. **countable**, usually singular the basic outline of a plan, piece of writing, etc. to which more details can be added later
    - Examples were used to flesh out the skeleton of the argument.
  5. **countable** ~ staff, crew, etc. the smallest number of people, etc. that you need to do sth
    - There will only be a skeleton staff on duty over the holiday.
    - We managed to operate a skeleton bus service during the strike.
  6. **countable** (sport) a type of ↑sledge (= a vehicle for sliding over ice) for racing, used by one person lying on their front with their feet pointing backwards
    - It's just like the skeletons they use in the Olympics.
    - The skeleton slider broke his back in the race.
  7. **uncountable** the sport or event of racing down a special track of ice on a ↑skeleton
    - Canada won gold and silver in the skeleton.
    - Skeleton returned to the Winter Olympics in 2002.
    - skeleton events at the Winter Olympics
- Idiom:** ↑skeleton in the cupboard  
**See also:** ↑skeleton in the closet

### Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: modern Latin, from Greek, neuter of **skeletos** 'dried up', from **skellein** 'dry up'.

## Example Bank:

- a partial skeleton of an undiscovered species

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**skel**ə'tɒn /'skelətən, 'skelɪtən/ BrE " AmE " noun

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### 1. BONES [countable]

a) the structure consisting of all the bones in a human or animal body:  
the human skeleton

b) a set of these bones or a model of them, fastened in their usual positions, used, for example, by medical students

### 2. BASIC PARTS [singular] the most important parts of something, to which more detail can be added later:

" We agreed on a skeleton outline of the proposal.

### 3. THIN PERSON [countable] an extremely thin person or animal:

" The disease had reduced Harry to a skeleton.

### 4. STRUCTURE [countable] the main structure that supports a building, bridge etc:

" Minutes after the explosion, all that remained was the skeleton of the bridge.

### 5. a skeleton in the closet (also a skeleton in the cupboard British English) an embarrassing or unpleasant secret about something that happened to you in the past

### 6. skeleton staff/crew/service etc only enough workers or services to keep an operation or organization running:

" The bus company is operating a skeleton service on Christmas Day.

### 7. SPORT [countable, singular] a sport in which you slide down a special ice track while lying on your front on a type of †sledge, or the vehicle you slide on ⇒ †bobsleigh, †luge

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