

No Bones About It

One of the thugs found out that his octopus had no bones. That got him thinking about bones. Here's what he found out—except for the words the octopus took out. Fill them in. Make sure each word is the right part of speech.

Bone is the _____ substance that forms
the framework of the _____ of humans
and of many animals. The _____ body
has _____ 206 bones. Together they
_____ the skeleton. Bones _____
many functions. First they give the body shape and
protect our _____ organs. They work
with _____ muscles to allow _____ to move.
Bones also _____ minerals our bodies
need and contain bone marrow, where new
_____ blood cells _____ made.

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I guess one of the thugs was right when he said that his octopus had "no backbone." (I overheard the octopus reply that it was better than having no brain, but that's between them.) Actually there are two kinds of animals—those with backbones and those without. Do you know what they are called?