

Need another word that means the same as “skeleton”? Find 23 synonyms and 30 related words for “skeleton” in this overview.

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Skeleton as a Noun

Definitions of "Skeleton" as a noun

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “skeleton” as a noun can have the following definitions:

- *A small toboggan for one person, ridden head first while lying in a prone position.*
- *A scandal that is kept secret.*
- *Something reduced to its minimal form.*
- *The internal supporting structure that gives an artifact its shape.*
- *An internal or external framework of bone, cartilage, or other rigid material supporting or containing the body of an animal or plant.*
- *The remaining part of something after its life or usefulness is gone.*
- *The hard structure (bones and cartilages) that provides a frame for the body of an animal.*
- *A sport in which a competitor races down a frozen track on a skeleton sled.*
- *Used in reference to a very thin or emaciated person or animal.*
- *The supporting framework, basic structure, or essential part of something.*
- *Denoting the essential or minimum number of people, things, or parts necessary for something.*



Synonyms of "Skeleton" as a noun (23 Words)

[abstract](#)

An abstract work of art.
*A big unframed **abstract**.*

[basic](#)

The essential facts or principles of a subject or skill.
*I learnt the **basics** of programming on a course.*

basic structure

A popular programming language that is relatively easy to learn; an acronym for beginner's all-purpose symbolic instruction code; no longer in general use.

[blueprint](#)

Something intended as a guide for making something else.
*A **blueprint** for a house.*

[debris](#)

Scattered pieces of rubbish or remains.
*Workmen were clearing the roads of the **debris** from shattered buildings.*

detritus	Loose material (stone fragments and silt etc) that is worn away from rocks. <i>The streets were foul with detritus.</i>
draft	A current of air (usually coming into a chimney or room or vehicle). <i>He took a sleeping draft.</i>
<u>frame</u>	The framework for a pair of eyeglasses. <i>This goodly frame the Earth.</i>
framework	A structure supporting or containing something. <i>The theoretical framework of political sociology.</i>
<u>minimum</u>	The smallest possible quantity. <i>They checked visas with the minimum of fuss.</i>
outline	A sketchy summary of the main points of an argument or theory. <i>The outlines of dockside warehouses standing sharp on the skyline.</i>
plan	A drawing or diagram made by projection on a horizontal plane especially one showing the layout of a building or one floor of a building. <i>The plans for City Hall were on file.</i>
remainder	A property interest that becomes effective in possession only when a prior interest (created at the same time) ends. <i>The remainder of the year.</i>
scrag	Lean end of the neck. <i>His companion was a thin scrag of a man.</i>
<u>shell</u>	Something resembling or likened to a shell because of its shape or its function as an outer case. <i>The satellite is covered with a smooth shell of ice.</i>
skeleton in the closet	A scandal that is kept secret.
skeleton in the cupboard	A scandal that is kept secret.
skin and bone	A bag serving as a container for liquids; it is made from the hide of an animal.
smallest possible	A garment size for a small person.
stick	In field hockey the foul play of raising the stick above the shoulder. <i>Janet s not such a bad old stick sometimes.</i>
systema skeletale	The hard structure (bones and cartilages) that provides a frame for the body of an animal.

underframe

The supporting frame or substructure of something, in particular a vehicle or piece of furniture.

wreck

The destruction of a ship at sea a shipwreck.
*The **wreck** of their marriage.*



Usage Examples of "Skeleton" as a noun

- *The building has a steel skeleton.*
- *The Canadian men's skeleton team.*
- *The bare skeleton of a novel.*
- *The skeleton's runners make a terrifying rumbling sound as they slide down the ice.*
- *There must be a skeleton somewhere in that family's closet.*
- *There was only a skeleton staff on duty.*
- *She can hit 70+ mph on her skeleton sled.*
- *The skeleton of a report.*

- *She was no more than a skeleton at the end.*
- *The former heptathlete took up skeleton in 2010.*
- *The human skeleton.*
- *The concrete skeleton of an unfinished building.*
- *The chapel was stripped to a skeleton of its former self.*
- *The battalion was a mere skeleton of its former self.*



Associations of "Skeleton" (30 Words)

- anatomical** Relating to the study of anatomy.
Anatomical abnormalities.
- architecture** The style in which a building is designed and constructed, especially with regard to a specific period, place, or culture.
Georgian architecture.
- bone** A substance similar to bone such as ivory or whalebone.
A shoulder bone.

column	Anything that approximates the shape of a column or tower. <i>The typical business report consists of columns and rows of numeric information.</i>
conceptual	Relating to or based on mental concepts. <i>The schizophrenic loses ability to abstract or do conceptual thinking.</i>
cranial	Of or relating to the cranium which encloses the brain.
dissection	Very detailed analysis of a text or idea. <i>The dissection of animals for scientific research.</i>
establishment	The act of forming or establishing something. <i>She became an establishment figure.</i>
ferroconcrete	Concrete reinforced with steel. <i>A ferroconcrete storage tank.</i>
forelimb	The front limb (or the homologous structure in other animals, such as a flipper or wing).
formation	(geology) the geological features of the earth. <i>Strange black rock formations.</i>
frame	A framework that supports and protects a picture or a mirror. <i>A short style cut to frame the face.</i>
framework	An essential supporting structure of a building, vehicle, or object. <i>The theoretical framework of political sociology.</i>
lattice	An interlaced structure or pattern resembling a lattice. <i>Honeysuckle was growing up a lattice round the door.</i>
morph	An instance of morphing an image. <i>The characters can be morphed on screen.</i>
morphological	Pertaining to geological structure. <i>Geomorphological features of the Black Hills.</i>
morphology	The branch of biology that deals with the structure of animals and plants. <i>A generative approach to Italian morphology.</i>
osseous	Composed of or containing bone. <i>Osseous tissue.</i>
pillar	Something shaped like a pillar. <i>He was a pillar of his local community.</i>
polyhedron	A solid figure with many plane faces, typically more than six.
pyramid	A structure of more or less pyramidal form especially in the brain or the renal medulla. <i>A pyramid of logs.</i>

quadrate	Having four sides and four angles. <i>A broad shell with a quadrate outline.</i>
reorganize	Change the way in which (something) is organized. <i>We must reorganize the company if we don't want to go under.</i>
sculpture	Form or shape as if by sculpture especially with strong smooth curves. <i>A collection of sculpture.</i>
skeletal	Existing only in outline or as a framework of something. <i>A small skeletal boy clothed in rags.</i>
skull	A bone framework enclosing the brain of a vertebrate; the skeleton of a person's or animal's head. <i>He broke his collar bone and fractured his skull.</i>
spheroid	A solid generated by a half revolution of an ellipse about its major axis prolate spheroid or minor axis oblate spheroid. <i>It looked like a sphere but on closer examination I saw it was really a spheroid.</i>
structural	Pertaining to geological structure. <i>There have been structural changes in the industry.</i>
structure	Give a structure to. <i>We shall use three headings to give some structure to the discussion.</i>
technicolor	A trademarked method of making color motion pictures.

