

English - Year 1 - Funnybones

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Activity 1

1. Did the big and little skeleton find a solution to the problem when the dog skeleton fell apart?

- 2.

Do they manage to scare anyone at the zoo?

- 3.

Were you surprised by what happened?

Read this short extract from *Funnybones* and then try the activity below.

The big skeleton and the little skeleton played on the swings.

They threw a stick for the dog.

Suddenly something happened.

The dog skeleton chased the stick, tripped over a park bench, bumped into a tree- "WOOF" - and ended up as a little pile of bones.

"Look at that!" the big skeleton said.

"He's all come to pieces. What shall we do now?"

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*"Let's put him back together again," the little skeleton said.
So the big skeleton and the little skeleton put the dog skeleton
together again.*

They sang a song while they did it.

"THE TOE BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE - FOOT BONE!

THE FOOT BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE -LEG BONE!

THE LEG BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE - HIP BONE!

THE HIP BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE - BACK BONE!

WOFO!

OOFW!"

Then they got mixed up.

"Is that a toe bone?" the little skeleton said.

"Where does this one go?" said the big skeleton.

OWOF!

Match the character names with what they said:

Characters

- The big skeleton
- The little skeleton
- The dog skeleton

Quotes from *Funnybones*

- "Is that a toe bone?"
- OWOF
- "Where does this one go?"

Draw a line from the character to the correct quote.

Activity 2

Next, read this extract:

*So the big skeleton, the little skeleton and the dog skeleton left the
dark dark swings, went out into the dark dark town - and tried to
frighten somebody.*

*The trouble was, there wasn't anybody. Everybody was in bed. Even the
policemen in the police station were in bed. Even the animals in the zoo!
Of course, the skeleton animals were awake.*

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SQUEAK

SNORT

OINK

GEE UP NELLIE

GOOD EVENING ALL... WHO'S A CHEEKY BOY THEN... HAVE A CUP OF TEA... PRETTY POLLY... PUT THE KETTLE ON MOTHER...

"Let's have a ride on the elephant skeleton," the little skeleton said.

"Let's have a word with the parrot skeleton."

The big skeleton scratched his skull.

"Let's ... keep out of the way of the crocodile skeleton," he said.

When they were back in the street, and when they still could not find anybody to frighten, the big skeleton said, "What shall we do now?"

The little skeleton scratched his skull. "Let's frighten each other," he said.

"That's better than nothing!"

"Good idea!" the big skeleton said.

Answer these questions:

What type of book is Funnybones?

How do you feel as the reader when you are reading it?

Does it make you laugh? (Why? Why not?)

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Is it scary?

Is it a sad story?

What do you think of the characters?

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Activity 3

Write your opinion of the book, using the sentences starters to help you.

I think the book is called Funnybones because _____.

I liked the part where _____ because _____.

I didn't like the part where _____ because _____.

I think the characters are _____ because _____.

My opinion of 'Funnybones'

Activity 4

Creating new ways to scare skeletons

Have a look back at both extracts from the activities above.
At the end of the story they decide to scare each other.

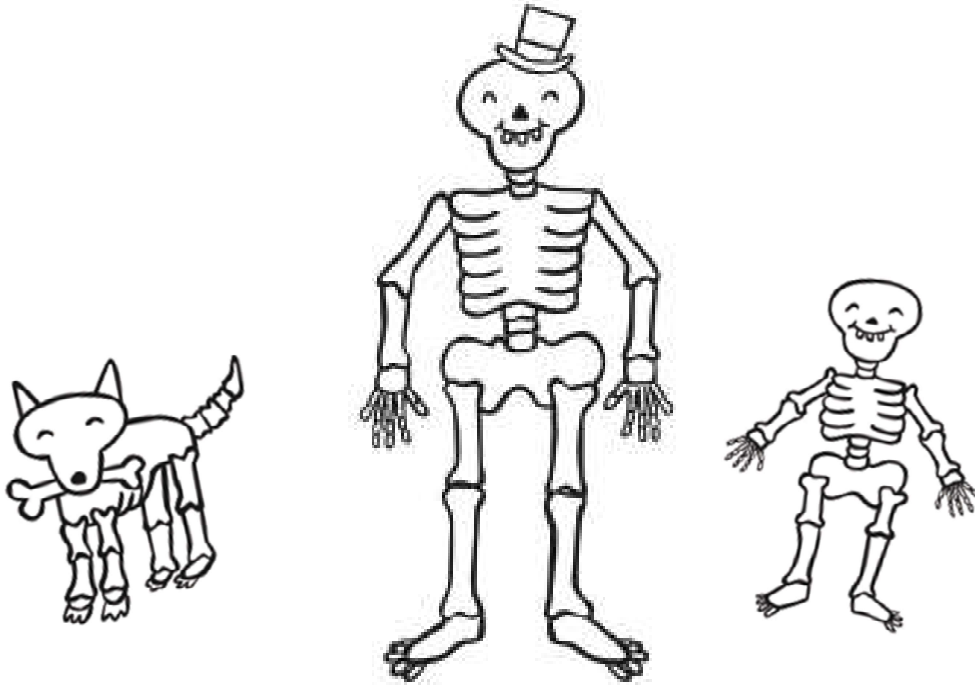
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Using the beginnings of the sentences below, write three sentences to show how they could scare each other

- The big skeleton will _ _ _ _ _
- The little skeleton will _ _ _ _ _
- The dog skeleton will _ _ _ _ _

Use the writing frame below if you want to:

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