

Task cards are designed to help students focus on one question at a time, rather than be intimidated by a long list of questions.

These 32 task cards can be printed and used on their own, or with the book:

Skeleton

use the book 518 The body book

They are designed to ask questions that relate to parts of the English, Social Sciences (Geography, History, Civics), and Science, Mathematics and Technology core curricular in a way which does not straightjacket a topic into any particular subject area, and encourages students to ask a range of questions about a topic.

They can be used

- at the start of a day to encourage students to extract information from a primary resource (a video), and also research aspects of the topic in more depth by using the search button.
- as reinforcement challenge for students who have learned a topic.
- as homework.

Each student can be given from one to all of the questions. Each student should be encouraged to say out the question and answer they have given, and justify what they have concluded.

Note also that task cards are questions. These ones are designed to be accessible to a wide range of ages and abilities. As a result, the same question can be asked of a wide range of students. It is the level and complexity of the answer that should vary. You don't have to provide complex questions to require complex answers!

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Science – Skull

What shape are the skull bones, and how do they fit together?

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Science – Backbone

What separates the bones in the backbone?

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Science – Backbone

Why is the backbone so flexible?

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Skeleton

Science – Backbone

What shape are the back bones?

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Skeleton

Science – Backbone

Are the back bones the same size all the way down?

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Science – Hands and feet

What is it about the bones in our feet that let us wiggle our fingers and toes?

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Science – Pelvis

What shape is the pelvis, where is it, and what fits into it?

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Science – Ribs

How are the ribs and the backbone related?

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Science – Ribs

What organs do the ribs protect?

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Science – Leg bones

What is the difference between the number of bones in the leg above the knee and below it?

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Science – Thighs

Why is the shape of the thighs very different to the shape of the bones?

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Science – Leg bones

Why can you feel your leg bones below the knees, but not above?