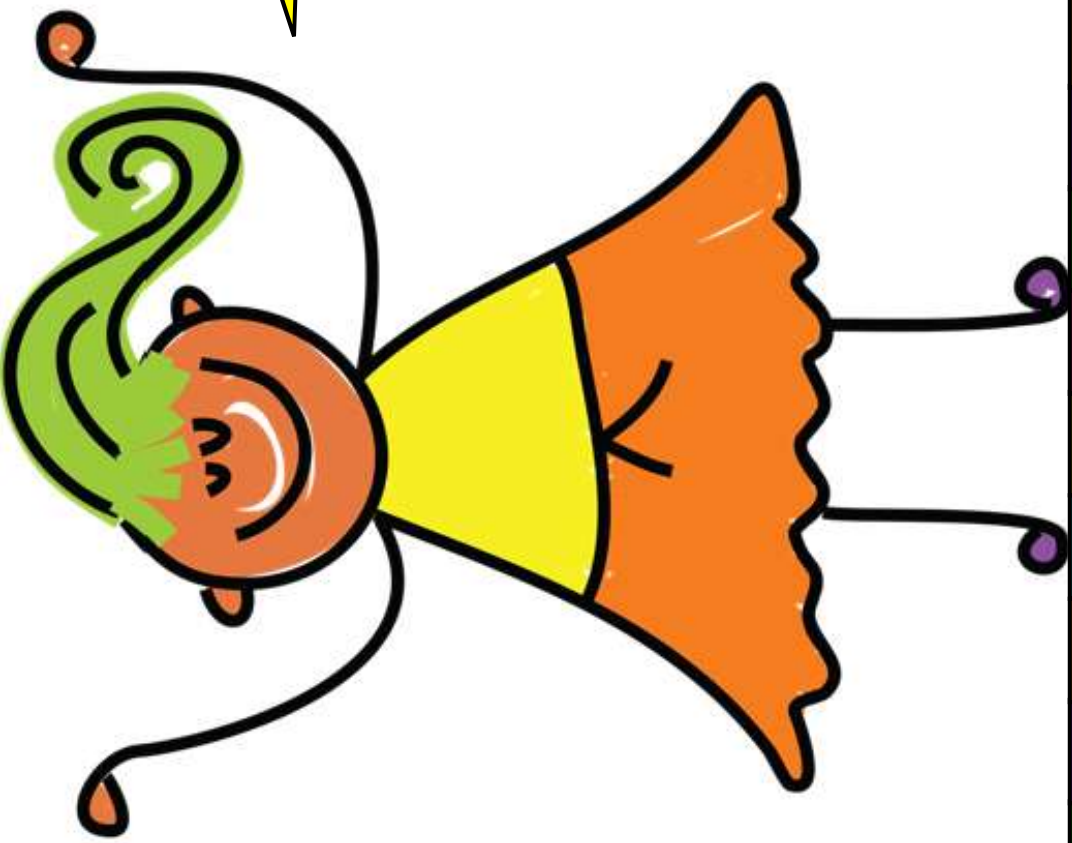
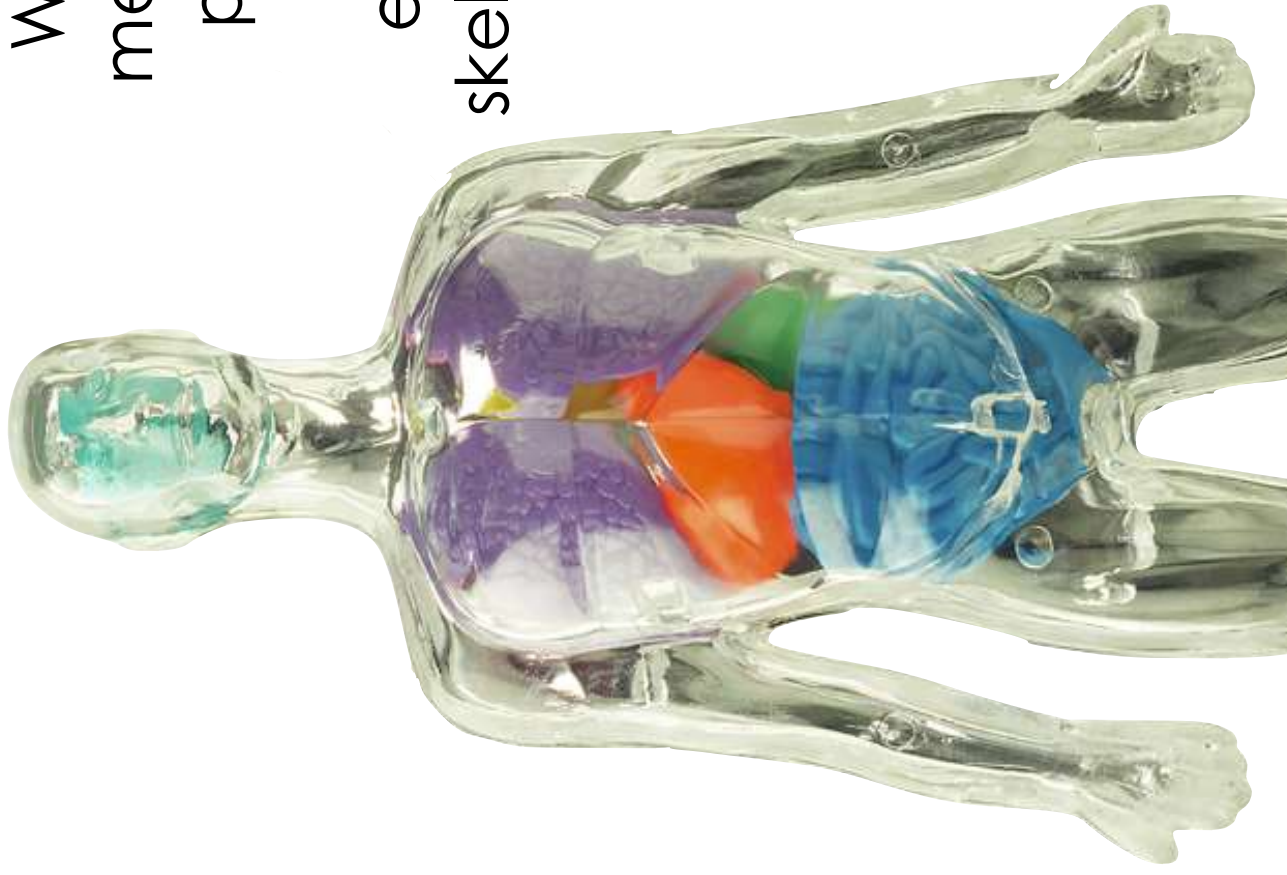




What would
happen if we did
not have a
skeleton?



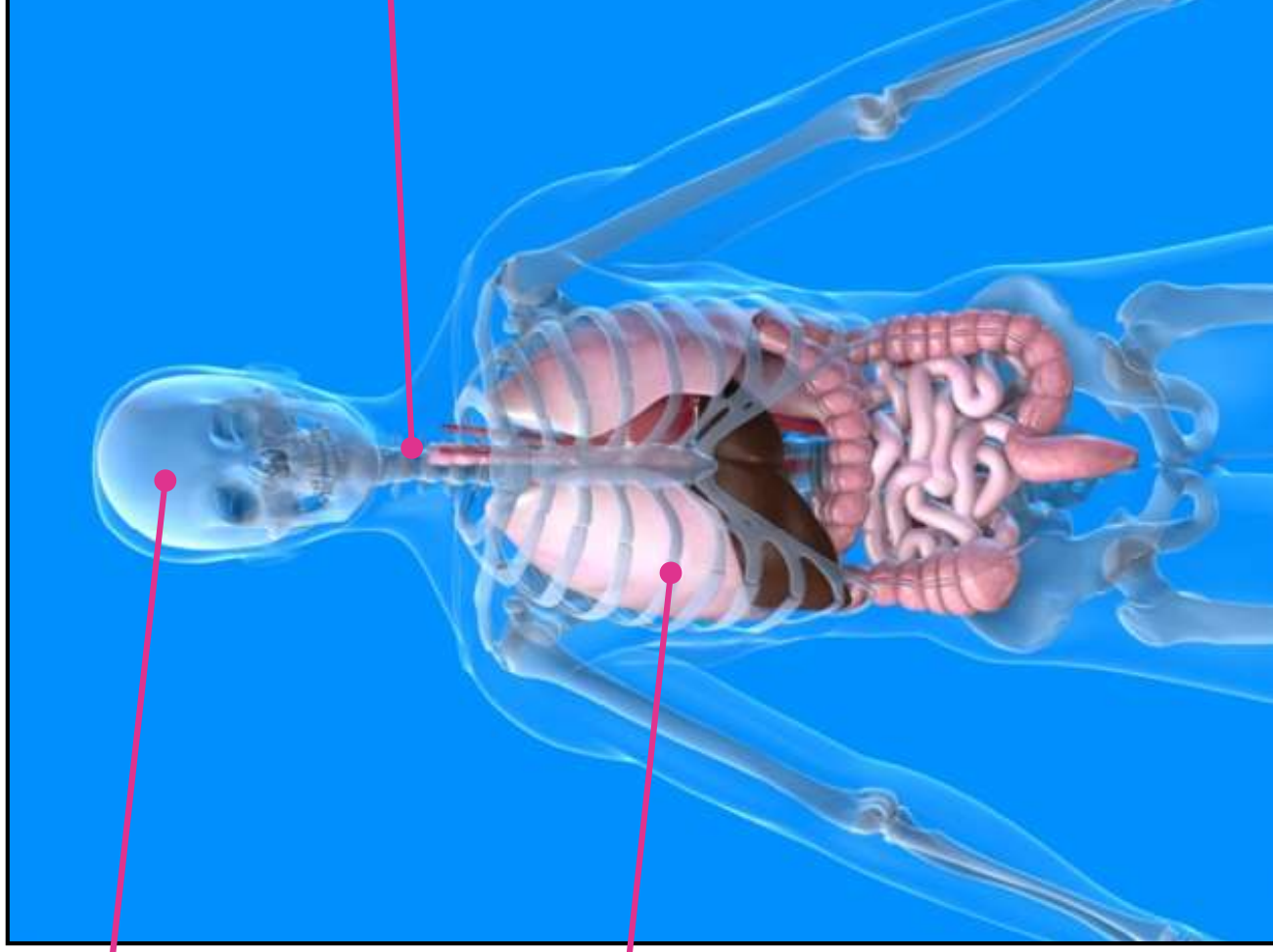
Without a skeleton we would be a mess of skin, muscle and organs in a puddle on the floor! The skeleton supports the body and keeps everything in the right place. Our skeletons also help to protect some of our internal organs.

Can you think of any of the organs inside our bodies that are protected by our skeletons?

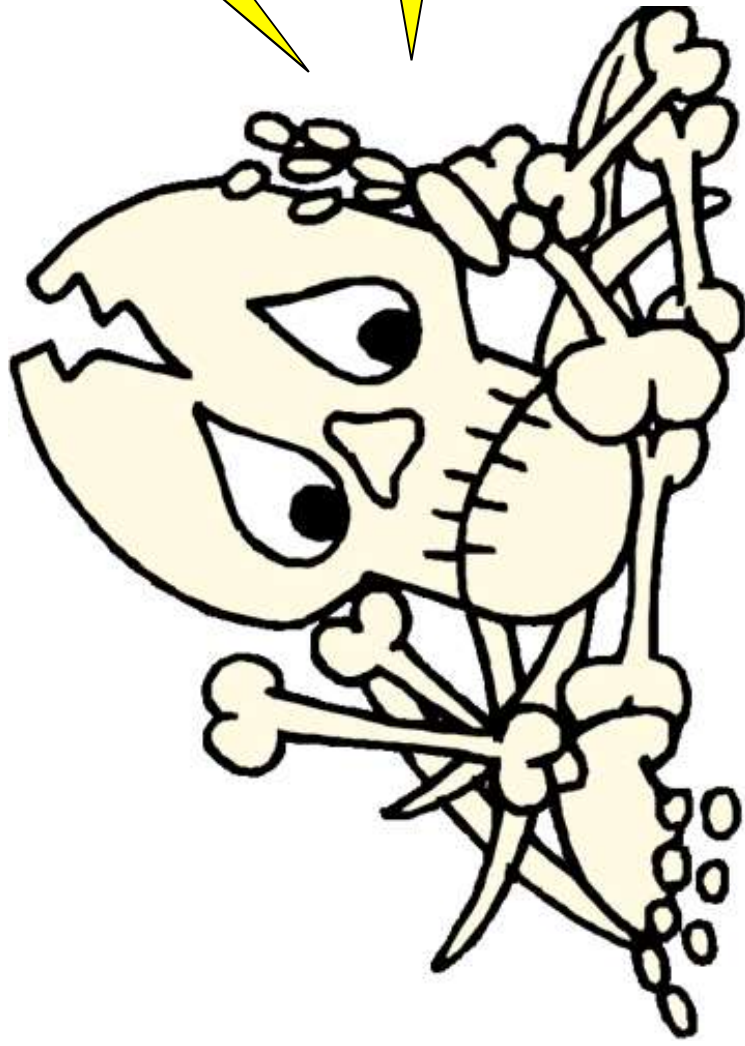
Your skull
protects your
brain.

Your ribs
protect your
heart, lungs,
liver and
parts of other
organs.

Your
vertebrae
(backbone)
protects your
spinal cord.



Some animals do not have a skeleton inside their bodies like we do. These animals are called
INVERTEBRATES.



Can you think of
any animals that are
invertebrates?

How do
invertebrates move
and protect
themselves?