

3. The study of living things can help people to understand themselves and might lead to practical benefits such as cures for disease, improvements to the environment, and more efficient use of Earth's resources.

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1. The skeleton is made of organic materials and was once part of a living thing, but students might point out that the skeleton cannot move on its own, reproduce, or grow.
2. Answers will vary. Students should understand that studying the skeleton could reveal how the internal structure of a living thing is supported, how bones are formed, or how living things grow.



1. What about the skeleton in the photo reminds you of a living thing? What about the skeleton reminds you of a nonliving thing?
2. What might studying this skeleton help you to learn about living things?
3. What might be some benefits of studying living things?