No Bones About It

One of the thug’s found out that his octopus had no bones. That got him thinking about bones. Here’s what he found out—except for the words the octopus took out. Fill them in. Make sure each word is the right part of speech.

Bone is the _____________ substance that forms the framework of the _____________ of humans and of many animals. The _____________ body has ___________ 206 bones. Together they _____________ the skeleton. Bones _____________ many functions. First they give the body shape and protect our _____________ organs. They work with ___________ muscles to allow ___________ to move. Bones also _____________ minerals our bodies need and contain bone marrow, where new _____________ blood cells _____________ made.

I guess one of the thugs was right when he said that his octopus had “no backbone.” (I overheard the octopus reply that it was better than having no brain, but that’s between them.) Actually there are two kinds of animals—those with backbones and those without. Do you know what they are called?