

BONES IDIOMS AND EXPRESSIONS

idiom	meaning	example
a bone to pick	have something to discuss or argue with another person	Tell your brother I have a bone to pick with him about the money he owes me.
as dry as a bone/bone dry	very dry	Let's get a drink, my mouth is bone dry.
bag of bones	very thin	I think grandma is sick, she's a bag of bones.
chilled to the bone	very cold	Let's get out of the pool and get a coffee. I'm chilled to the bone.
feel it in one's bones	you sense something is going to happen	She will get the promotion; I can feel it in my bones.
grow a backbone	stop being a wimp and stick up for yourself and your beliefs	Melody should grow a backbone. She isn't employed to make the coffees.
skeleton in one's closet	an embarrassing/damaging secret	I'm seeing a guy; I think he has a few skeletons in his closet.
skin and bones	very thin and underweight	We found a sick dog on the street. He was skin and bones and infested with maggots.
work one's fingers to the bone	work very hard	My dad worked his fingers to the bone then dies a week after he retired.

