

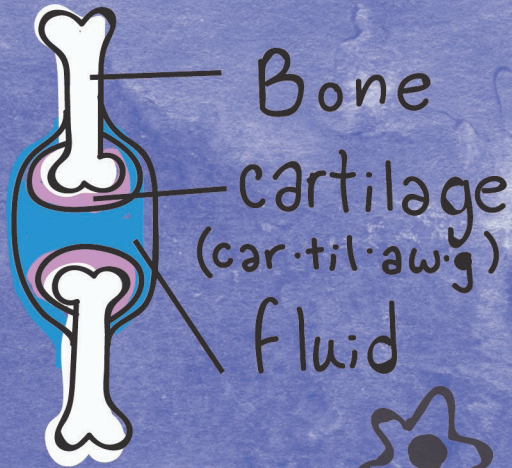
my body!



What are joints?

Joints are strong connections between bones.

Every one is special and a little different.



What does my immune system do?

The immune system fights infection & illness. It kills unfamiliar material, like viruses, germs & bacteria.





normal



autoimmune

What is an autoimmune disease?

An autoimmune disease is when the immune (i.me.oon) system gets confused & kills good cells we need.

Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) affects the joints



normal



arthritic
(are·th'rit·ick)



Arthritis
can cause many
feelings & pain.
It can feel like
fire, stiffness or numb.

What does
it feel like?

Why do people get arthritis?

Arthritis causes cells to attack healthy joints. Then the joints become swollen and damaged.



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