

### FRONTAL ASPECT OF THE SKULL

The skull is a complex structure. There are 8 cranial bones and 14 facial bones in the skull. From the anterior view, most of the facial bones can be seen, and some of the cranial bones are visible, too. The bone that makes up the forehead and extends beyond the eyebrows is the frontal

bone. Lateral to them are the two maxillae. These bones hold the upper teeth. The lower teeth are held by the mandible. Inside the nasal cavity, two projections can be seen. These are the inferior nasal conchae. The wall that divides the nasal cavity is the nasal septum, and it consists of two bones, the ethmoid bone and the vomer. Along the side of the skull are the temporal bones, located posterior to the zygomatic bones. Label the

## LATERAL VIEW OF THE SKULL

Many bones seen from the anterior view can also be seen from the lateral

the lacrimal bone, which houses the nasolacrimal canaliculus, a c  
drains tears from the eye into the nose. The mandible articulates

### SKULL—TOP AND BOTTOM VIEWS

The superior aspect of the skull consists of few bones and few sutures. The **frontal bone** is the most anterior bone with the parietal bone directly posterior to it. The

