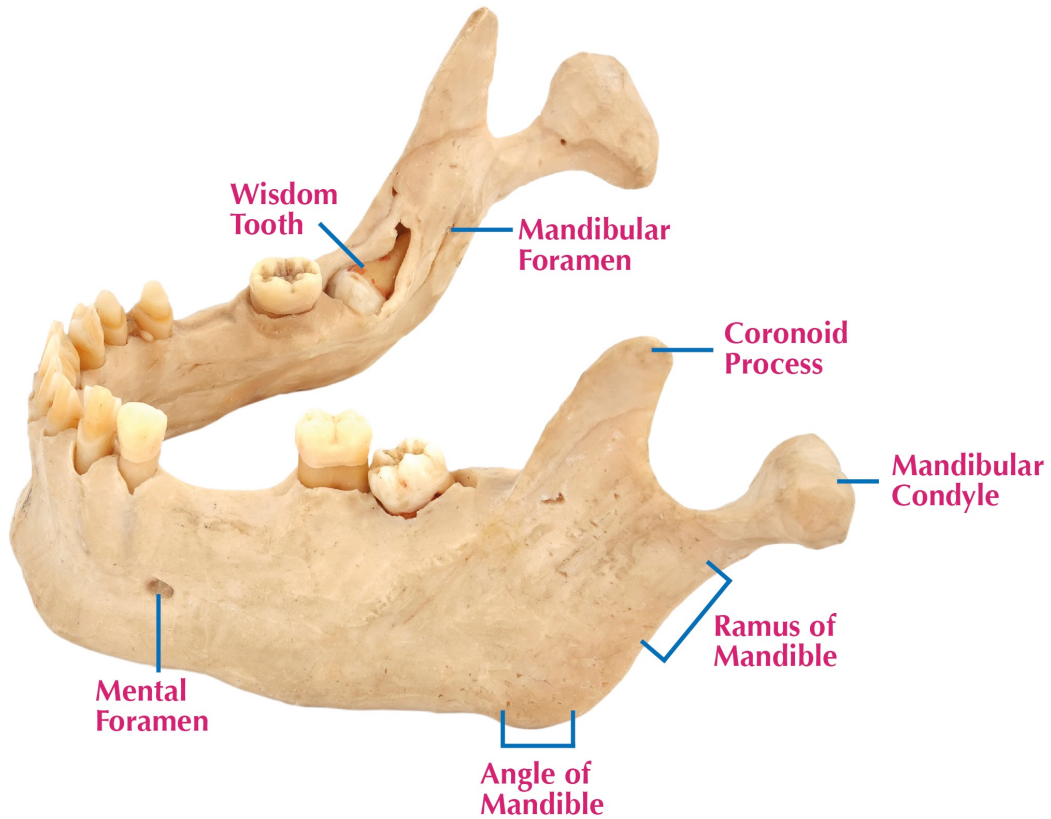


The mandible



The mandible is the only moveable bone in the skeleton of the skull, and it supports the lower teeth. The mandible is actually two bones that have fused together in the midline and it is connected to the skull via the temporomandibular joint. This joint allows the mandible to move in several directions. The mandible consists of many different parts including the condyle, coronoid process, ramus and body of the mandible. These various parts are illustrated on the diagram below.