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sacrum [sa'krum]

the triangular bone at the base of the spine formed by usually five fused vertebrae wedged dorsally between the two hip bones. See Appendix 3-3.

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The segment of the vertebral column forming part of the pelvis; a broad, slightly curved, spade-shaped bone, thick above, thinner below, closing in the pelvic girdle posteriorly; it is formed by the fusion of five originally separate sacral vertebrae; it articulates with the last lumbar vertebra, the coccyx, and the hip bone on either side.

Synonym(s): [os sacrum](#) [TA], [sacred bone](#), [vertebra magna](#)

[L. (lit. sacred bone), neuter of *sacer* (*sacr-*), sacred]

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n. pl. sacra (sā'krə, sāk'rə)

A triangular bone made up of five fused vertebrae and forming the posterior section of the pelvis.

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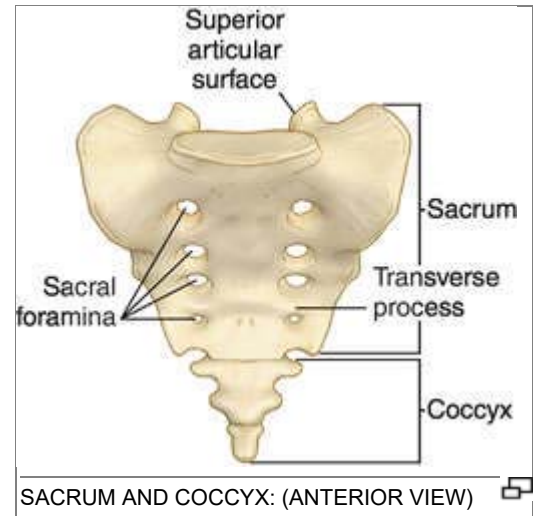
sacrum (sa'krum) [L., sacred]

The triangular bone situated dorsal and caudal from the two ilia between the fifth lumbar vertebra and the coccyx. It is formed of five united vertebrae and is wedged between the two innominate bones, its articulations forming the sacroiliac joints. It is the base of the vertebral column and, with the coccyx, forms the posterior boundary of the true pelvis. The male

sacrum is narrower and more curved than the female sacrum.

Synonym: [sacral bone](#) See: *illustration*

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sacrum The large, triangular, wedge-like bone that forms the centre of the back of the [PELVIS](#) and the lower part of the vertebral column. The sacrum consists of five fused, broad vertebrae and terminates in the tail-like [COCCYX](#).

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sacrum the collection of fused sacral vertebrae attached to the [PELVIC GIRDLE](#).

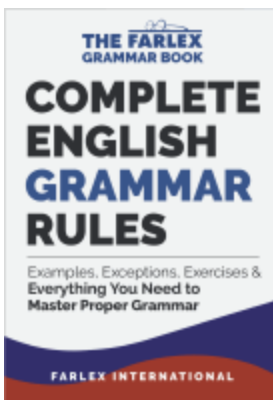
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The triangle-shaped bone located between the fifth lumbar vertebra and the coccyx that consists of five vertebrae fused together. The sacrum joins on each side with the bones of the pelvis.

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