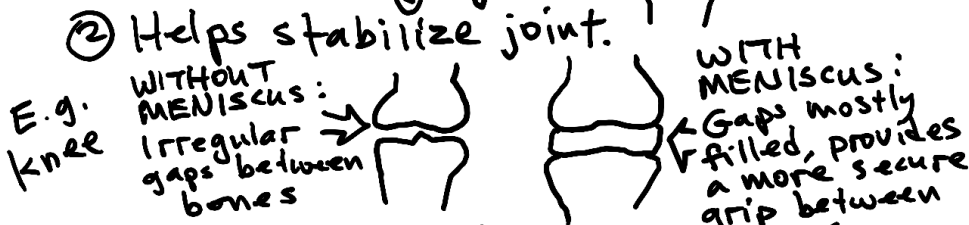


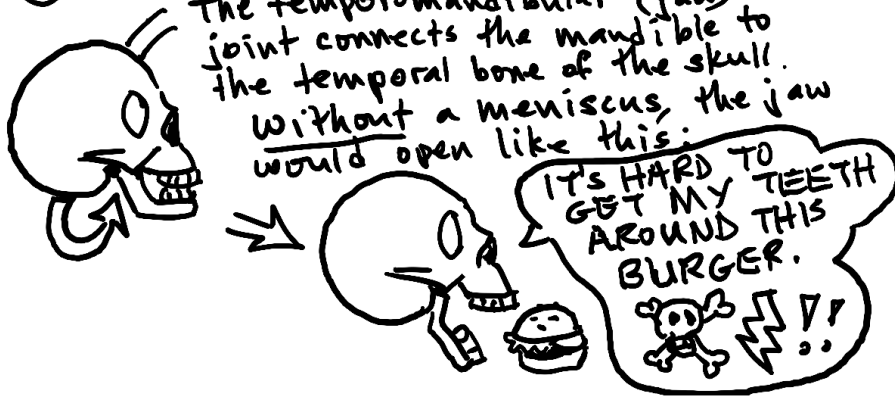
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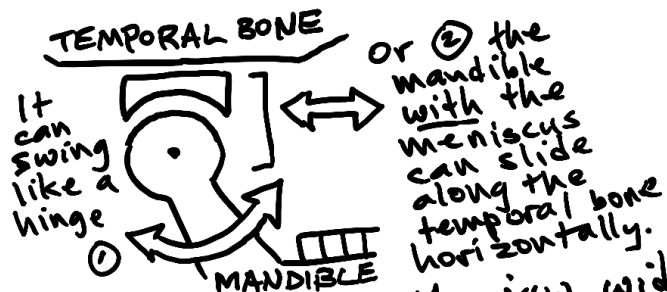
Articular disc (meniscus)
can provide three different benefits:



③ Allows additional movements.
The temporomandibular (jaw) joint connects the mandible to the temporal bone of the skull.
Without a meniscus, the jaw would open like this:



But with a meniscus, the jaw essentially has a choice of joint surfaces to use:



When we open the jaw wide we use both these movements at once:

