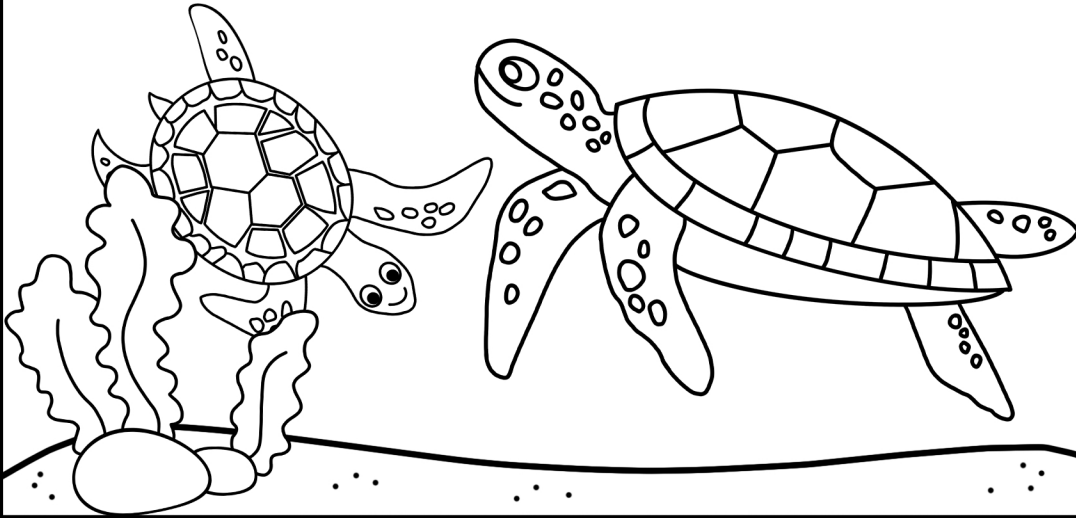


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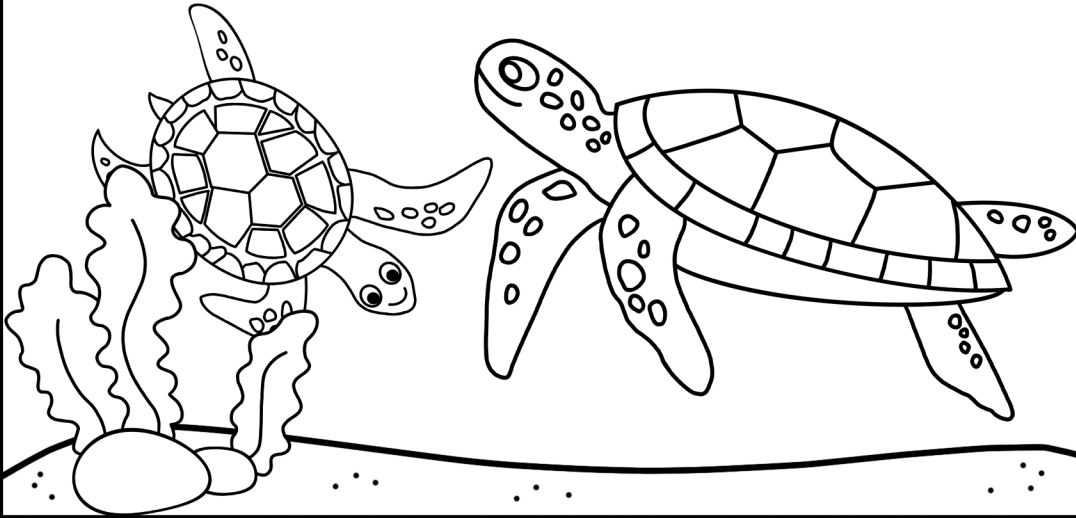
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Swim quickly through the water.

2. How does diving ability help a sea turtle find food?

It lets the turtle hold its breath and swim deep to find food.

3. How does camouflage protect a sea turtle?

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