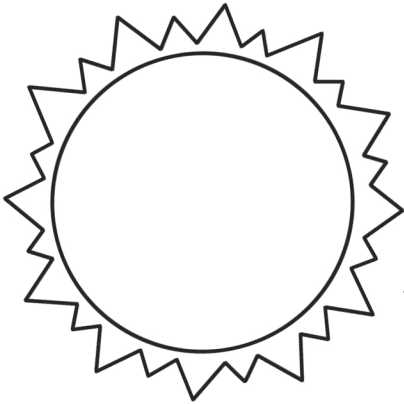


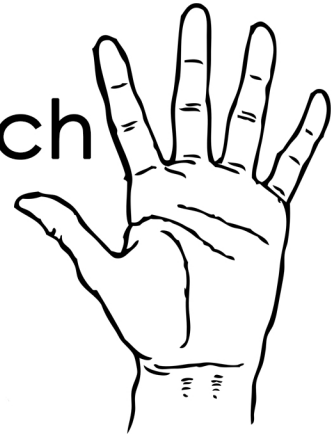
What does a Gopher Tortoise shell do?



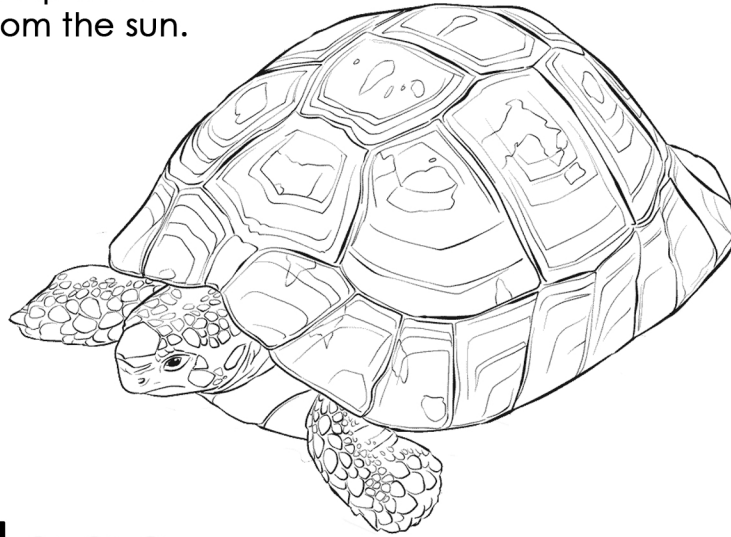
Sunlight

Tortoise's shells help them absorb vitamins from the sun.

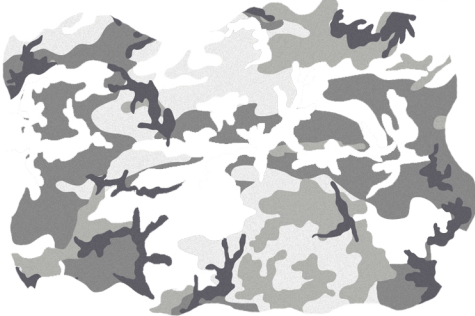
Touch



A tortoise's shell is almost as sensitive as our skin.

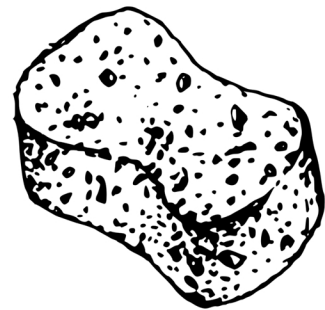


Camouflage



A tortoise's shell helps it blend with its environment.

Absorb



The shell of a tortoise will take in things that touch it, just like a sponge.

The shell of a Gopher Tortoise has many important jobs to do - and it can't do them if there's paint around!
Please never paint any tortoise or turtle's shell.