

The Hammerhead Shark

Wild Head

Swimmers and surfers watch out! There's an animal swimming around Hawaii with fins at one end and sharp teeth and a hammer at the other. No, it's not an underwater carpenter. It's the hammerhead shark. This shark has a wide head that looks just like a hammer!

Eye Spy

A hammerhead's eyes are on the side of its head. That means it can't look straight ahead like you can. Instead, the shark gets a view of the ocean by swishing its head from side to side while it swims. It also has special eyelids to protect its eyes from getting scratched by the animals it catches.

Electric Hammerhead

A hammerhead hunts for food using special sensors on the front of its head. These sensors find food like squid by following the electrical signals that these animals give off. Since its head is so wide, the hammerhead has more sensors than other sharks. This makes it a great hunter.

Super Swimmer

The hammerhead shark moves better than other sharks. Its wide head is like an airplane wing and helps it glide through the water. With a skinny body and small fins, the hammerhead shark can make really sharp turns.

