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## The Life Cycle of an Aardvark

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may compare the aardvark's stages of development and maternal care to other mammals like lions or elephants.
2. The mother stays with the cub to ensure its safety and teach survival skills.
3. Traits such as strong claws and a sticky tongue help them dig and catch insects.
4. Without aardvarks, insect populations could grow uncontrollably, harming plants and other animals.

