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What Makes Angelfish So Special?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Angelfish use their pointed noses to reach food in small spaces, and their excellent eyesight helps them avoid predators and find meals. Their territorial behavior also ensures they have enough food and a safe space.
2. Saltwater angelfish live in coral reefs, where bright colors help them blend in with their surroundings and avoid predators, while freshwater environments are more muted.
3. (Example response) My angelfish would be bright purple with golden stripes and a sparkling tail. These colors would help it hide in coral reefs and make it stand out as a unique fish.
4. If coral reefs were destroyed, saltwater angelfish would lose their homes and food sources, which could lead to their populations declining or even extinction.