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Angelfish: Nature's Beautiful Helpers

Short Answer Key

1. Angelfish eat algae, plants, small insects, plankton, and crustaceans, which makes them both herbivores and carnivores.
2. Angelfish help keep water clean by eating algae and small plants that would otherwise grow too much and block sunlight.
3. Angelfish are important in the food chain because they are eaten by larger predators and also control populations of smaller animals like insects and plankton.
4. Saltwater angelfish protect coral reefs by eating pests and algae that can harm the coral.
5. Scientists can learn about the health of an ecosystem by studying whether angelfish populations are thriving or struggling, which indicates water quality and habitat conditions.

