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How Do Angelfish Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. (Example response) Hovering in place is important because it allows angelfish to protect their eggs, stay hidden from predators, and watch for food without using too much energy.
2. (Example response) The angelfish's flat body and long fins help it glide through water smoothly, while its pectoral fins allow it to steer and hover, making it easier to live in rivers or coral reefs.
3. (Example response) If I observed an angelfish, I might notice it moving slowly and carefully, using its fins to glide through plants or coral. I might also see it stop and hover in place, as if it were floating.
4. (Example response) Swimming with control and precision is useful because it helps angelfish avoid predators, find food in small spaces, and move gracefully in their environment without disturbing other creatures.

