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What Does an Ant Look Like?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. An ant's physical traits, like its strong jaws, antennae for communication, and small size, help it build nests, find food, and avoid predators.
2. Some ants have special features to perform specific tasks, like cutting leaves or protecting the colony. These features make the colony stronger as a whole.
3. The colors of ants, like red for fire ants or black for carpenter ants, help them hide or warn predators to stay away.
4. (Example Response) If I were to design a new type of ant, it would have wings that glow in the dark. This feature would help it find food at night and avoid predators by scaring them away.

