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What Does a Barracuda Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Barracudas ambush their prey because it allows them to catch fish by surprise, using less energy than chasing them over long distances.
2. The sharp teeth and strong jaws help barracudas grab and tear apart prey, making it easier for them to eat and survive in the ocean.
3. If barracudas didn't exist, some fish populations might grow too large, which could upset the balance of the ocean ecosystem.
4. Answers will vary. Students might want to study how barracudas hunt, their role in the ecosystem, or their interactions with other marine animals.

