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Baby Bass: How Do They Reproduce?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Male bass might stay to guard the eggs because it helps protect them from predators and increases the chances that they will hatch safely.
2. Example: If I were a bass, I would choose a calm, shallow area with lots of plants nearby to hide the nest from predators.
3. Example: Laying many eggs ensures that even if most don't survive, a few will grow into adult bass, helping the species continue.
4. Example: If spawning areas were polluted, the eggs might not hatch, or the baby bass could die, which would harm the bass population.

