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Talking Bass: How These Fish Communicate

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Bass might use different communication methods because each one works best in different situations. For example, sounds might work in murky water, while colors are helpful for attracting mates.
2. Example: Low-frequency sounds can travel farther in murky water, helping bass warn others or find mates even when visibility is poor.
3. Example: If bass are defending their territory, you might see them darting quickly at other fish or opening their mouths wide to look more aggressive.
4. Example: Understanding bass communication helps scientists study their behavior and protect their habitats, while fishers can use this knowledge to locate and catch bass more effectively.

