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Glide and Dart: How Bass Fish Move

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Example: Bass need to swim quietly to sneak up on prey without being noticed, and they need to swim quickly to escape predators or catch fast-moving prey.
2. Example: The tail provides power for fast swimming, the pectoral fins help with turning and slowing down, and the dorsal fin keeps the bass stable in the water.
3. Example: If bass couldn't swim fast, they might not be able to catch enough food or escape predators, making it harder for them to survive.
4. Example: If I were a bass being chased by a predator, I would dart away at top speed, zigzagging through the water to confuse the predator and escape.

