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## The Life Cycle of a Beetle: How Beetles Reproduce

### Short Answer Key

1. Male beetles attract mates by using their horns to compete or by using light signals, like fireflies.
2. Female beetles lay eggs in safe places to protect them from predators and provide food for the larvae.
3. Larvae spend most of their time eating and growing.
4. The gestation period for most beetles is about one to two weeks.
5. Beetles do not care for their young; they rely on instinct to lay eggs in safe places where the larvae can survive on their own.

