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Amazing Beetles: Nature's Tiny Powerhouses

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Helpful: Beetles recycle nutrients, pollinate plants, and clean up waste. Harmful: Some beetles damage trees and crops.
2. Beetles have hard shells for protection and adaptable diets, allowing them to survive in different places.
3. Scientists study beetles to understand their role in ecosystems and find ways to control harmful species.
4. Example response: "As a rainforest beetle, I would crawl along leaves, nibbling on plants or fungi. I might hide under bark to avoid predators and enjoy the humid air of my forest home."

