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Talking Without Words: How Betta Fish Communicate

Short Answer Key

1. A Betta fish flares its gills and spreads its fins to look larger and more intimidating.
2. A male Betta swims in a zigzag pattern to attract a female for mating.
3. Betta fish show bright colors when confident or happy and dull colors when stressed or scared.
4. A Betta fish might become dull in color when it feels stressed, scared, or unhealthy.
5. Owners can learn if their Betta is happy, stressed, or feeling threatened by watching its colors and behavior.

