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Talking Without Words: How Betta Fish Communicate

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Betta fish may use visual displays like flaring their fins because they don't make sounds, and these signals work well in water to communicate with other fish.
2. Understanding a Betta's communication helps owners recognize stress, happiness, or aggression, so they can adjust the environment to keep the fish healthy.
3. The most interesting thing is how Betta fish change their colors to express their mood because it's like they have their own language.
4. A perfect Betta tank would have plants and decorations for hiding, space to swim, and no mirrors or other male Bettas to reduce stress and aggression.

