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Caterpillar Crawling: How They Move

Short Answer Key

1. Caterpillars use their prolegs to grip surfaces like leaves and branches, helping them climb and hold on tightly.
2. Looping, or the "inchworm" movement, is when a caterpillar stretches its body forward, then pulls the back part up, forming a loop.
3. The tiny hooks, called crochets, help caterpillars grip surfaces securely, even when climbing upside down.
4. Moving slowly helps caterpillars avoid being noticed by predators.
5. One special technique caterpillars use is dropping from a branch on a silk thread to escape danger.

