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What Does a Catfish Eat?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Catfish can live in many habitats because they eat a wide range of food and can adapt to different environments, like rivers, lakes, and even saltwater.
2. Being an omnivore helps catfish survive because they can eat whatever is available, whether it's plants or animals.
3. Without catfish, ponds or rivers might become dirty because there would be no fish to eat the dead plants and animals that sink to the bottom.
4. To study how catfish use their barbels, you could test how well they find food in different types of water, like clear versus muddy water, or compare how quickly they find food with and without using their barbels.

