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The Life Cycle of a Catfish

Short Answer Key

1. After catfish eggs are laid, the male guards them until they hatch in about 5 to 10 days.
2. Fry get their nutrition from their yolk sacs during their first few days of life.
3. Fry face dangers like predators and the challenge of finding food as they grow.
4. Juvenile catfish are larger and stronger than fry, and they have developed features like barbels and smooth skin.
5. Adult catfish help keep ecosystems clean by eating dead plants and animals from the water.

