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How Catfish Communicate

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Catfish have developed many ways to communicate because it helps them survive in environments where they can't rely on sight.
2. Chemical communication helps catfish survive in murky water by allowing them to detect warnings or find mates without seeing them.
3. If a catfish couldn't use its barbels, it would struggle to find food and might miss signals about danger.
4. A scientist studying catfish communication might want to learn how their sounds and chemical signals change in different environments. They could use underwater microphones or observe catfish behavior in a controlled habitat.

