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How Does a Catfish Move?

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Swimming backward helps catfish escape tight spaces or predators, making it a useful survival skill.
2. Some catfish, like the walking catfish, may have developed the ability to move on land to survive in areas where water sources dry up or are scarce.
3. Catfish move more slowly and efficiently than fast swimmers like tuna or salmon, focusing on conserving energy and navigating the bottom of the water.
4. Observing a catfish in the wild, you might notice it gliding near the bottom, using its fins to steer, or resting while foraging for food with its barbels.

