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## The Role of a Cheetah in the Ecosystem

### Short Answer Key

1. Cheetahs typically hunt gazelles, impalas, and small mammals.
2. By controlling prey populations, cheetahs prevent overgrazing of plants and grasses.
3. Cheetahs are apex predators because they are near the top of the food chain.
4. Hunting sick or weak animals helps keep the prey population strong and healthy.
5. Scavengers feed on the remains of cheetahs' prey, ensuring no food goes to waste.

