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The Role of a Cheetah in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Cheetahs hunt smaller prey because they are built for speed rather than strength, making it easier to catch faster animals.
2. If cheetahs disappeared, prey populations could grow too large, leading to overgrazing and harming the ecosystem.
3. Protecting cheetahs is important because they help maintain balance in the ecosystem by controlling prey populations.
4. People can help by supporting wildlife conservation efforts, protecting habitats, and avoiding illegal wildlife trade.

